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# SAINTS SURVIVAL CHANCES ARE NOT GOOD

By DAVID JACK

**Will St George be re-admitted to the Philips Soccer League for the 1981 season?**

That is the big guessing game as the "heavies" at the Australian Soccer Federation ponder on the composition of next year's PSL.

Strangely enough, there is little conjecture or discussion about the fate of the other relegated club, West Adelaide. It is assumed that West Adelaide will be voted back almost as a formality.

But of course, geography is that club's greatest asset.

It is essential for South Australia to field two teams in the PSL to preserve continuity of play every weekend. And, in the absence of any worthwhile SA candidates to take the place of West Adelaide, re-election seems certain for Westad.

The geographical distribution of the PSL is, by contrast, St George's biggest handicap.

In the 14-team competition, there are six NSW clubs and this will be increased with the admittance of Wollongong next year.

Everyone agrees this is much too big a representation from one State in a so-called national competition.

The ASF wants to thin out the NSW ranks. St George looks like being the sacrificial lamb.

If the Philips League remains at its present strength of 14 clubs, it is difficult to see how Saints can be accommodated.

The ASF will, presumably, make the straight swap — Wollongong in place of St George.

If, however, the numbers are increased to 16, St George will have some chance of re-election.

A 16-team PSL would have room for two "new" faces. Take your pick from St George, Sydney Olympic, Melita Eagles, Hobart or Preston Makedonia. Or any others we may have missed.

In such company, St George do at least have a fighting chance, because of their financial stability, fine tradition and excellent home ground.

But the NSW Soccer Federation will certainly push the claims of its top two teams, Sydney Olympic and Melita Eagles. NSW Federation policy favours automatic promotion and relegation with no applications for re-election.

If St George do drop out, their passing will be a great loss to Australian Soccer. Saints have set standards which few other clubs can match.

And they have some extremely talented players whose progress depends on top-level competition — the sort of competition only the PSL can provide.

I think of youngsters like Kay, Katholos, Griffiths, Fraser, Terry, Barton, Skeen and several more.



PAUL KAY (ST GEORGE) EVADING A TACKLE HERE FROM BLACKTOWN'S JIM IZATT IS ONE OF ST GEORGE'S TALENTED YOUNG PLAYERS WHO COULD BE LOST TO THE PHILIPS LEAGUE NEXT YEAR.



## WRONG SORT OF HEADLINES

England goalkeeper Peter Shilton is used to getting the headline treatment but he certainly didn't welcome a front page story in English papers last week.

Shilton was involved in an incident with a girl in his car.

The girl's husband alleges he caught Shilton with his pants down . . . literally!

He said he will now

divorce his wife, naming the England goalie as "the other man."

On the weekend this story hit the front page, Shilton had other things to upset him.

In particular, a save he

made for Nottingham Forest against Arsenal at Highbury.

It wasn't a save at all — according to referee Gunn who awarded the free kick taker, Graham Rix, a goal.

That was the only goal giving Arsenal a 1-0 victory, but TV replays indicated, with reasonable clarity, that Rix's kick had not crossed the line when Shilton pounced on it.



Peter Shilton

## WOLLONGONG AIMING FOR EX-ENGLAND DEFENDER

By KEITH GILMOUR

A former England international defender is on the calling list for Wollongong City coach Ken Morton when he arrives in London on October 30.

"He is younger than Newcastle's Paul Reaney, and we have a sound chance of signing him," Morton said.

No names, no pack drill at this stage.

Morton reckons on sec-

uring two more Englishmen of quality. One is Malcolm Smith, currently in Burnley's first team.

"I have good reason to believe he will join us. If he does, we will have one of the best strikers in the

Philips League," Morton said.

Tommy Cunningham, a 6ft defender with Wimbledon in Third Division, could be the key man in Wollongong City's defence.

He is 75% likely to sign, and had 30 games with Queens Park Rangers before joining the Dons.

One man already signed is Peter Willis, the very capable right-back from KB United and Wreast Point Rapid.

Barry Pickering, the former Kiwi international

goalkeeper, could also join the club, which will about finalise the list of imports under PSL rules.

The Wollongong select team had a good work out against Sydney City in a friendly game on Sunday, losing 1-0.

It proved to Morton that players such as Chilby, Matias and Brown would be great to build up for the future, and confirmed that the experience he is after is vital to ensure a good first PSL season.



## EDITORIAL

During the past few weeks, the Australian Soccer Federation has experienced much difficulty in arranging suitable opponents for the national team's world tour in November.

Despite all the optimistic predictions about valuable matches being available in various countries, it now seems the ASF is back to its normal pre-tour anxiety. Let's be honest with ourselves. Nobody is desperately anxious to entertain the Australian team.

We sympathise with the ASF in its predicament. Probably the tour will go ahead but it is beginning to look as if some of the matches will be far from suitable — far removed from the ideal World Cup preparation national coach Rudi Gutendorf would like.

A most recent suggestion is for a match between Australia and a representative side from England's Alliance Premier League. We must hope that fixture is not finalised.

If Australians have never heard of the Alliance Premier League, that is not surprising. It is made up of semi-professional clubs like Nuneaton Borough, Northwich Victoria, Gravesend and Northfleet and Worcester City. Last season's champions were Altrincham.

These are the sort of teams which, once a year, chase F.A. Cup glamour hoping for a giant-killing act against one of the 92 clubs in the Football League. The teams are rated one rung BELOW the English fourth division in playing standards.

If Australia did agree to play against the Alliance League XI, it would cheapen this country's international Soccer image. Particularly if the Socceroos were beaten!

It is clear that the ASF badly needs a professional organiser of tours. Arranging a tour, embracing several countries, against good quality opposition, is far too big an undertaking for the ASF office staff in Clarence Street, Sydney.

Fixtures are available abroad but they are not easily finalised. A lot of solid work needs to be put into arrangements. Australia's national team must not be allowed to travel the world to pick up crumbs from the rich man's table... like that ludicrous tour game against Manchester City reserves or the one against Hamburg's second or third XI.

Those disasters are still fresh in the memory.

One word might go some way towards helping the ASF solve this constant dilemma. That word is "reciprocation."

If Australia wants to play in Jakarta against Indonesia, or in Kuala Lumpur against Malaysia, the ASF must be prepared to offer reciprocal tours to national teams from those countries.

Indonesia has hosted Australia several times on tour. But what happens when Indonesia wants to play here? Nothing doing. Indeed, at the start of this season, Marconi Fairfield all but arranged an Australian tour for Indonesia — but Marconi was refused permission to bring the Indonesians here.

Reciprocation... that's the name of the game.

Some countries — for instance Greece and Israel — have played several internationals in Australia. Those countries repaid the compliment by inviting Australia to play in Athens or Tel Aviv.

It is a good arrangement. It works all over the world. Reciprocal tour matches should be number one priority for the Australian Soccer Federation.

## WE NEED COACHES — NOT CAR SALESMEN

SAYS ALEX VESIC

**In October next year, Australia will be host to one of the most prestigious Soccer competitions in the world — Coca Cola World Youth Cup.**

Two years ago in Japan, Argentinians followed in the footsteps of their senior players to capture the trophy as the World Youth champions beating Russia in the final 3:1. Most Soccer followers will also remember that the Argentinian wizard, Diego Maradona did the damage to completely baffle the Russians with his outstanding skills.

To the credit of their foot-

of money for playing as semi-professionals. How much is spent on youth?

Well, if you are good enough, you'll find your way into the top team. Creating Soccer players is a difficult job and comes from long, hard years of hard work by the most experienced of coaches.

Do we have good junior coaches? Yes, we have.

What do we do to help

We demote the positions of the men most needed in Soccer, coaches, to make way for salesmen.

You cannot sell a product that does not exist. You cannot promote an inferior product: crowd figures in the PSL are enough to show that I am correct. Cosmos came, but they brought some outstanding names in World Soccer and they were easy to sell. People did not care how much it cost. They paid and turned out in thousands for a glimpse of the skill those players brought with them.

To be a force in Soccer and to have youngsters who will acquire Cosmos skills and bring spectators to our stadiums, we must teach our young hopefuls all we know. Teachers are here, and for a small outlay, each club can afford at least three or four coaches to be with the lower grades on a temporary basis while a senior coach must be a full-time proposition. I would like to see a manager-coach, rather than just a senior coach, with some promotional duties added to his everyday coaching jobs.

The programme of rebuilding Soccer in this country has its foundations around the children. They are the ones we have to spend our money on



**RIK BOOTH, ONE OF SOCCER'S NEW BREED OF MARKETING EXPERTS.**

balling fathers, the rest of this magnificent Argentinian team did not fall far behind Maradona.

It was sheer skill that won the world crown, and the Soccer gourmet was, for once a happy man.

The Australian Soccer Federation is looking at a likely bill of \$1 million and "the rest" to stage next year's Youth Championships. It is by far the most important tournament ever given to Australia and credit for winning the FIFA's nod must go to Sir Arthur George, the ASF president.

How do we rate in this great show?

Do we have the team to beat the world's best?

Rudi Gutendorf has always maintained that the youth policy is of utmost importance and the introduction of youth in the Phillips Soccer League team was also commendable.

But I am disturbed at the trend followed by a number of PSL clubs.

Recently, at a committee meeting of one PSL club it was decided to cut down on expenses and demote the position of their full-time coach to that of a part-time one!

Instead, they will employ a full time Marketing manager!

I am all for making a dollar in Soccer and cutting the bill most clubs find very hard to afford. About a quarter of a million dollars is spent by each PSL club running a team every year!

It is a staggering sum that even the most successful Italian second division teams could not afford!

Yet all our money and effort is channelled towards promotion. On top of it, our players are being paid some exorbitant sums

them transfer their knowledge to our youngsters? Nothing much!

Instead, we look towards ex-car salesmen and men with a BA in psychology to have clubs promote their wares through the media

## CANBERRA PLAYERS FOR SALE

Three of Canberra City's most experienced and talented PSL youngsters have been placed on the transfer list at their own request.

- The three are:
- Fullback Danny Moulis, 20. Asking price \$20,000.
- Sweeper or stopper, Michael Milovanovic, 20. Asking price \$15,000.
- Forward Don MacLaren,

Both he and Milovanovic have had a totally professional outlook to soccer and rarely hand in sub-standard performances.

Both are rugged and Australian youth internationals.



Danny Moulis

21. Asking price \$12,000. All three are expected to leave City.

Moulis and Milovanovic are two of the most talented young players in Australia.

Certainly they are two of the most experienced with over 160 PSL games between them.

Moulis is the most sought after particularly by Melbourne clubs, South Melbourne and Heidelberg.

Rumour has it that Canberra City's former secretary, Max Talbot, now with Newcastle, is keen to see Milovanovic return to his old home town Newcastle and join Alan Vest's squad which had its best ever year in 1980.

MacLaren is also good value.

He battled for a regular place with Tony Brennan, Baz Giampaolo and Walter Valeri at Canberra.

## SYDNEY'S NORTHSIDE SHOUTS OUT FOR DEVELOPMENT

by Keith Gilmour

**The North side of Sydney needs an imaginative and well-planned boost to provide the base for a big senior club.**

Some 624,000 people from Manly across the North Shore to the main Northern line have the choice of seeing State League clubs Manly-Warringah, North Sydney Inter and Ku-ring-gai, or perhaps a Gladesville-Hornsby or Gladesville Ravens lower division team.

They are refusing to go by the thousands. Can the area support more than one major club for the entire district?

One club structured to modern requirements could head for the Phillips Soccer League. As it is, no club can draw the proverbial two bob.

Manly-Warringah has an excellent potential ground complex at Cromer, plus its own land for a club.

Ku-ring-gai has effectively moved out of Ku-ring-gai Municipality. Without a top team, it has plenty of juniors there but no senior support.

It has recognised the possibility of Hornsby by buying a licensed restaurant there, and has played its matches further up the northern line at sub-standard Parklands Oval, which has no future.

North Sydney Inter, largely supported by big builder Ron Sarti, plays often on North Sydney Oval.

Restricted to its Italian origins, it receives precious little support there and virtually none from anyone else.

Its team is good, although it trains at Haberfield. Gladesville-Hornsby has unfulfilled hopes, and Gladesville Ravens' livewire secretary Max Pride says his club is willing to explore any possibilities of sending the game ahead and catering for the youth of the district.

Now Manly president George Dick sees a glimmer of light. As his club has the makings of a top ground, George has asked Ku-ring-gai to think about combining Manly's ground with Ku-ring-gai's substantial resources.

But Ku-ring-gai has visions of a ground near St Ives

Showground on land that the State Government is prepared to make available.

How that would do anything for football in the next 20 years is hard to see.

Development is sparse and people are more likely to go to a central location — more on the Cromer Park line.

Amongst the other possibilities would be to look at Artarmon Park along with Willoughby Council. Progress would not be easy, but this ground is relatively central to the entire north shore, and an enquiry could be welcomed — especially a genuine enquiry.

The north side needs some demographic investigation, as it is obvious that people of many former nationalities live in the area and they have Soccer interest to be tapped.

Could there be an assessment of the future of a major ground on the northside in conjunction with North Sydney Leagues Club, whose secretary Ken McCaffery has had much experience in this field?

It might or might not work, but it is worth a try.

The Englefield Stadium is not getting use from any major club. Have the Ku-ring-gai people stopped to dispassionately assess its possibilities? Perhaps Baulkham Hills or one of the clubs of that area could see light ahead.

Eastwood Oval is another central ground for the main northern line, and its only Soccer use goes to the local Premier League club St Andrews.

Harking back to Cromer, here is a ground with potential equal to that of the St George Stadium.

It represents just one of the options available to Soccer.

Actually the location of Artarmon is extremely appealing too.

People who believe they work in the cause of Soccer and have business or sporting acumen, should be capable of getting together to do something constructive for the game.

Who will strike the first constructive blow?



# STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



The 1980 Soccer season is almost over. Coaches all over Australia can now relax, free of their stresses, headaches and problems.

Coaches here, as in all other countries in the world, live in an atmosphere of constant uncertainty. They really stand on one leg, ready to take the next step out of the door!

For spectators and for some club officials, a few negative results are the best possible excuse to cut off the coach's head — in order to save their own necks.

This season a relatively small number of coaches have been sacked — in comparison to previous years. That is good because it indicates our great game is improving.

At last some club officials understand that the coach does not carry a magic wand which will allow him to transform a player or a team from bad to good. His job, to get good results, takes time. But most of our clubs refuse to allow him that time. They want results immediately — instant success.

Only the Australian Soccer Federation is prepared to give a coach sufficient time. The ASF appointed Rudi Gutendorf four years before the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

The clubs who succeed are those who understand that a coach cannot perform to his best if he is constantly worried and troubled over the thought of losing his job.

Not very long ago, the St George Club in Sydney appointed Raul Blanco as coach and, at the time of that appointment, they said he was one of the best coaches in Australia. Now Frank Arok has replaced Blanco.

I am not going to get into any arguments about whether Blanco is a good or a bad coach. I merely repeat what the officials of St George said about him when they gave him the job not much more than a year ago.

Of course in Australia, and everywhere else, it is essential for a coach to produce good results. He is only as good as his most recent results. This means he is living in an atmosphere of tension and uncertainty.

A few weeks ago a top English coach, Ronnie Allen, was sacked from his position with Panathinaikos soon after he had signed his contract. The Greek team had been beaten 4-0 by Juventus.

It is worth mentioning what Allen said when he left: "This is our life. We start with good prospects but we don't know if we will be able to fulfil them."

It is also worth mentioning that Sepp Meier, the great West German goalkeeper, was asked recently how he felt about taking on a coaching job. Meier replied: "You have to be joking. The best coach in the world doesn't know if he will hold his position next week."

Perhaps in European countries, one week is the maximum time a coach can consider himself secure.

Fortunately, in Australia this does not apply. Here, at present, the Soccer coach is a little safer than he used to be in the past.

I don't think many will be sacked between now and next March!

# THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

There are excellent prizes in our popular Presto Soccer Quiz. Choose either a leg of ham or five kilos of smallgoods. The questions are easy to answer. Prizes are supplied by Presto Smallgoods Pty Ltd.

Answers to last week's Quiz were:-

1. True.
2. Brazil.
3. Real Madrid.
4. Scotland.
5. John Margeritis.
6. Old Trafford.

The first correct entry we checked was sent in by

Mr Setthasack Vongsuvanh of 79, Church Street, Croydon, 2132. He chose a leg of Presto ham for his prize.

This week, there is another leg of Presto ham or five kilos of smallgoods to be won if you answer these simple questions:-

1. In which year did the Philips League competition kick-off?
2. Who was coach of Australia's national team in 1973?
3. Which new NSW team has been promised a place in the 1981 Philips Soccer League?
4. What national team did Puskas, Kocsis and Hidegkuti play for?
5. In which year did North Korea play in the final 16 of the World Cup?
6. What was the first English club to win the European Cup?

Send your answers to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Presto Quiz, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. State your preference for a leg of ham or five kilos of smallgoods.

The first correct entry to be checked is the winner ... and all entries have to be in by next Monday. GOOD LUCK!



## Soccer Terms explained: No. 2

# Offside.

A player is ruled "offside" when, in the opposing team's half of the field, he is closer to the goal line than the ball (if touched or played by a member of his own team towards him) and there are less than two opposing players — including the goalkeeper — between him and the opposition's goal line.

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## PHILIPS LEAGUE MATCHES NEXT WEEKEND

### "TOP FOUR" CHAMPIONSHIP 1980 SEMI-FINALS:

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 1980

SYDNEY CITY V HEIDELBERG UNITED SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND 7.30 PM

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 1980

SOUTH MELBOURNE V MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

MIDDLE PARK 3.00 PM



## ★ ★ STAR INTERVIEW ★ ★

Marconi's Eddie Krncevic first played for Australia when he was 18. Since then his name has never been far from the headlines. He is one of the game's brightest young prospects, but 1980 has not been a good year for him. He was sent off twice and then omitted from Australian teams to play AC Milan and England, with coach Rudi Gutendorf saying: "I did not select Eddie because I believe he is not 100 percent fit, either physically or mentally." But an in-form Krncevic would be very important in Gutendorf's 1982 World Cup plans. He is an articulate young man and has accepted an invitation to be our guest in Star Interview.

**QUESTION: Eddie, why didn't Marconi win the 1980 Philips League title?**

**ANSWER:** It's hard to say. There were games we could have won if we'd concentrated enough. I suppose we just had too many players out of form.

**Q: You started this year in great goalscoring form, eight goals in five matches, then went many games without scoring at all. What went wrong?**

**A:** I was going through a bad stage. Things would not go right for me. A few personal problems didn't help either. It's never happened to me before and I just hope it never happens again.

**Q: You've some very strong opinions about summer Soccer. What are they?**

**A:** Can you imagine playing Soccer when it's 35-40 degrees? It's just not possible. They say we'll be playing in the late afternoons and evenings, but it is often still very warm then. Let the organisers try it themselves first. It may work in England but



## Eddie Krncevic Talks To Garry Smith

summer here is for cricket.

**Q: You were sent off twice this year. Do you have trouble controlling your temper?**

**A:** On the first occasion I should not have been sent off. The second time I deserved everything I got. I retaliated and that was wrong. My opponents were doing things to niggle me. They still do it, but now I just laugh at them.

**Q: Can you see a time when we have full-time professionalism in Australia?**

**A:** Certainly not in the near future. We need more sponsorship and more television coverage. Until we get both these things it won't happen.

**Q: Is there much money available locally for top players?**

**A:** Every club is different. I doubt if any player in Australia could make a comfortable living just through Soccer. Top players may be able to get by, but only just.

**Q: There's been talk of offers for you to play in Italy and America. Would you like to play overseas one day?**

**A:** I would love the chance to play in England or Europe. When the offer from Italy came up I wasn't ready. I just hope that if I keep playing well I'll get the chance.

**Q: What is your ultimate ambition in the game?**

**A:** Easy: to be a full-time professional.

**Q: Eddie, will Australia qualify for the World Cup?**

**A:** All I can say is we've got a good chance. If we can get through the first round, where our only real opposition will come from New Zealand, we can do it.

**Q: What has been the highlight of your career so far?**

**A:** I'd say scoring five goals against a Taiwan team on the China tour last year. It's the most ever by an Australian in an international.

**Q: What players do you admire most, in Australia and overseas?**

**A:** In Australia, Peter Sharpe, Jim Tansey and Alan Davidson. Overseas, Paul Mariner from England and Romero from Paraguay.

**Q: Who has had the biggest influence on your career?**

**A:** My father. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be playing now. When I was 16 I was going to quit and take up Australian Rules. He talked me out of it and kept me going. Rudi Gutendorf and Les Scheinflug have helped me become a better player.



## With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

## SUCCESS ON GOLD COAST

With most of the Women's Soccer Associations starting to wind up their season's activities, news from around Australia is being concentrated mainly in the eastern States this issue.

Queensland's SUE MONTHEATH, the South Queensland Publicity Officer, tells us they held a very successful Gold Coast tournament recently.

This contest has been held since 1971 and is run by Keith Barclay.

This year, the tournament attracted 28 teams and was run in two divisions.

Over the weekend, the games are played on four fields at Labrador.

Although it is played with only 20-minute halves, it is not on a knock-out basis.

Each competing team is guaranteed six competition games.

The A division of the championships was won when Merton East, the champion team in Brisbane, played a team from Sydney, City Rangers. Merton beat them 1-0.

The B division was played between two local sides St. Albans and Oxley. St. Albans won, 1-0.

Teams came from all over to play in the Gold Coast games.

Northern NSW was well represented but because of uncertain plane connections, New Zealand could not take part.

Sue tells us Kiwi-land will be coming with a vengeance next year. She has been assured that there will be six teams coming from New Zealand.

This is the last major tournament in Queensland and is a fun-based affair.

There was no restriction on the number of games that person could play provided she played for the same side each time.

Sue, who was a glutton for punishment, managed to play in 13 games during the week-end.

The South Queensland AGM will be held on 16 November, in the Annerley Club House.

Nominations for coaches and tour managers for the 1981 season will be received by the Association during the first week in December.

News from the Sth. Queensland Association field at Geebung, north of Brisbane, is that it will cost \$25,000 to develop.

Sue tells us it is expected that one third of this will be recouped from the Government.

Appropriately, it will be called ATLANTA FIELD, named after the God-

dess of Sport!

The total area is 48ha. (124 acres) and it is being developed to contain two fields of 112 x 72 m. size.

Work is progressing and it is hoped to have it operational about Christmas.

So far there has been \$12,000 spent or allocated to the ground.

Four thousand of this has been used on initial maintenance like leveling the pitch and starting the grass.

The main bite of the \$12,000 has been the laying of the concrete slab upon which club rooms and amenity block will be built.

This cost the Association \$8,000.

The club rooms will be built with two well-appointed dressing rooms, with four showers in each, a referee's room and a lecture room.

Finance for the project will be partly covered by a \$2 levy on all players registered with the Sth. Qld. Womens Association plus two fifths of all registration fees paid by the girls.

In addition, there will be a bank loan of \$10,000 with eight people going guarantor.

Negotiations are under way with the Vigaro Association who wish to become summer tenants.

The main object for the field is to have it ready for the 1982 season when Sth. Queensland will host the Australian Championships.

The Association has to lose part of the ground to make provision for car parking space for 100 cars.

So far in beautification of the area, the working bee's have planted 24 trees. Unfortunately, they have lost five, one to an irate neighbour who did not want his view disturbed!

With a creek running in the property, the ground could get water by installing a pump although there has been, \$1,000 allocated to irrigation.

News from Ross Emmerton on the South Coast of NSW is that their presentation night will be on 26th October.

Ross says he has one team there which could have an Australian record.

The Bulli first division girls team has gone through the season with 108 goals scored for and 2 against. Julie Porter, a NSW State player, scored about 60 of them.

## WEST ADELAIDE SO KEEN TO WIN



West Adelaide will attempt a salvage job when they meet Adelaide City in the second play-off for the \$5,000 Escort Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Relegated along with St. George, they will try to give their fans a trophy to brighten their darkest hour — champions in 1978 also-rans in 1980.

The match should have been played last Sunday, but was postponed because of the Amateur League Cup final, which had been booked for Hindmarsh, home of West and HQ of the SA Soccer Federation.

The break has been lucky for City.

Sweeper Johnny Perin missed the Blacktown PSL game with fluid on a knee, and has been having constant treatment.

The Blacktown match saw-back Glenn Dods suffer a dislocated shoulder, and he may have a face West with the injury strapped.

City go into the game with a 1-0 advantage from

the first leg, and morale I boosted by the final round win over Blacktown which lifted them above New-

castle into fifth place on the league.

Colin Barnes, Brian Northcote, Sergio Mel-



BRIAN NORTHCOTE

and Agenor Muniz are all sharp in front of goal, while West's strikers — John Kosmina, Graham Norris, Graham Honeyman and Manecas — are still looking sick!

Manecas is the only forward in form and it would be no surprise if coach Bill Birch switched the team around in a final gamble for the season.

He has David Doorne and Zoran Maricic who sat on the bench against Marconi in the final round, but Doorne is a midfielder and Maricic a defender.

Birch may decide to dip into the Reserve team which has been playing in Second Division, but most of the squad are youngsters.

In the end, he may have to give the regulars one more chance, and with the pressure off they may yet come good.

But on current form, West's defenders will be the heroes — if they can keep the score down.



Two England international players were invited to test their heading skills against Hull City's Bruce Bannister. He didn't know his "opponents" had played for England's WOMEN'S team. On left is Carol Thomas, England's current captain. The other lady is Ethel Hattersley, who represented England in the 1930's. Bannister described the heading contest as "a lot of fun."



The Pools logo, featuring the words "The Pools" in a stylized, bubbly font inside a circular border.

# YOUNG COUPLE'S \$210,000 WIN

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## TOP FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

# SLICKERS' EDGE OVER BERGERS

by John Field

Sydney City may be the premiers of the Philips Soccer League for 1980. They may also have the advantage of playing at home. But if anyone thinks they're strong favourites to beat Heidelberg United at Sydney Sports Ground next Saturday night, they'd better think again.

Melbourne Soccer folk are not the world's best losers. In particular, the Heidelberg fans believe they were robbed when Sydney City pipped them for the title by just one point, and they are still very annoyed about that.

So Eddie Thomson and his players must expect one of the toughest games of the season in this major semi-final of the PSL.

Heidelberg have proved to be good travellers, especially when they play in Sydney. Sydneysiders have been treated to several outstanding performances from Heidelberg in the past year or two: this indicates that the Melbourne side will not be unduly worried about having to play away from home.

Marconi Fairfield and South Melbourne would

not agree but the cream of Australia's Soccer talent will be on show in this semi-final at the Sports Ground.

Compare defences. Sydney City's Ian Bruce, Kevin Mullen, Eddie Thomson and John Spanos are outstanding performers. So too are Heidelberg's John Yzendoorn, Jim Tansey and Arthur McMillan.

In the midfield, the Sydney team has John

Stevenson and Joe Watson, two super Scots. The Melbourne team is equally well served by men like Jimmy Rooney and Jim Campbell.

Up front, Sydney City can boast the perfect combination of skill and aggression in the shape of Kenny Boden and Mark Trenter. This is matched by Heidelberg's Jamie Paton and Gary Cole, plus the often under-rated Andy Bozikas.

All of which reads like a "who's who" of all that is best in Soccer in this country.

The fans who go to the Sports Ground next Saturday night should be in for a treat. Apart from any individual skills produced by the players mentioned above, there is something refreshing and exciting about the tactics normally employed by these teams.

You could never imagine Sydney City or Heidelberg retiring into their shells to fight out a dull, dismal, drawn game.

Be sure both sides will go for goals. That is the only way they know how to play.



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I was tempted to predict a draw, mainly because it is difficult to separate the sides on sheer ability. But I lean towards a Sydney City victory only because they will be playing in

front of their own fans.

The Slickers may not have a large following but they will certainly outnumber travellers from Victoria at the Sports Ground on Saturday night.

## SOUTHS MUST WATCH 'FAIRFIELD EXPRESS'

Says Greg Blake

So near and yet so far. That's the story for both South Melbourne and Marconi, in this season's tremendously close race for the Philips League Premiership.

Both teams played some exhilarating football at times throughout the year, only to falter at the final hurdle, thus leaving the way clear for Sydney City to capture the major prize.

Now with the spotlight falling on to the top 4 Championship, and the prospect of National Television coverage to the finalists, both Marconi and Souths, once again have an opportunity to grab their slice of glory.

South Melbourne have already done more than enough to appease their success hungry fans. Even though, once again, their trophy cupboard remains devoid of any silverware.

Their Phoenix like rise from the ashes to a position of power has been nothing short of magnificent and although the top 4 Trophy would be a lovely bonus, coach John Margaritis and the whole Sth Melbourne crew can be proud of their achievements in 1980.

Possibly Souths may

in hoping to capture the trophy, particularly that their opposition first up is the first class Marconi outfit from Sydney.

The Fairfielders thrive on success, and naturally their inability to retain the Premiership will make them strive just a little bit harder to make 1980 really worthwhile.

Marconi's strength is in their adaptability being able to cover any weaknesses when a particular player is having an off day.

Defenders Henderson and Cant, both have great abilities as midfielder's, while Byrne, Janovic and Krncevic, can all utilise their considerable talent in either midfield of attacking roles, a situation most coaches only dream about.

Souths have no such players. All, or most, of their side must be at their outstanding best to get a result, although their depth of capable reserve players has been the envy of many clubs.

Marconi love going forward, hunting in packs and sniffing out goals, but, conversely,



Peter Sharne

Souths have been able to boast possibly the best defence in the country this year.

Certainly Lutton, Xanthopoulos, or Blair are big enough to somewhat quell the aerial strength of both Janovic and Krncevic.

Possibly the key to the game, lies at the infinitely talented feet of the Fairfield Express himself Peter Sharne.

On his game no one in the world can stop

him—just ask Billy Bingham or Bobby Robson.

I can recall seeing Sharne taking Souths to pieces back in 1978 and even a short spell of that Sharne magic could again swing the pendulum in favour of the Sydney siders.

South's best chance is to hope Marconi have another of those "off" days where they can't do a thing right, otherwise it looks to me like Marconi have their matter



MARK TRENTER... AGGRESSIVE





GOALS,



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## PHILIPS LEAGUE SCORERS FOR THE 1980 SEASON

**ADELAIDE CITY** 38  
11. J. Nyskohus  
9. Barnes  
3. Fashanu, Mitchell  
2. Jones, Dods, Melta  
1. Muir, Deans,  
Northcote, Muniz  
1 o.g.: Cowburn (NU),  
Rogers (SM)

**BRISBANE CITY** 28  
9. Kelso  
4. Ratcliffe  
3. Palinkas  
2. Brusasco, Hamilton,  
McCluskey, Conner,  
Gaffney  
1. Caldwell, Potter, Low

**BRISBANE LIONS** 28  
8. Millman  
3. Ontong, McGregor  
2. Niven, Verweij,  
Lindsay  
1. McNaughton, Wright,  
Reid, Spearritt, Hughes,  
Hogg, Hermiston  
1 o.g.: Williams (CC)

**BLACKTOWN CITY** 33  
9. Wilkinson  
6. Hunter  
4. O'Donnell  
2. Selvage, Hormazabal,  
Izatt, Pollard, Fisher  
1. Charlton, Harding,  
Pointer, Ortega  
1 o.g.: O'Reilly (F)

**CANBERRA CITY** 33  
8. Byrne

7. Giampaolo Valeri  
3. J. O'Shea, McLaren  
2. R. O'Shea  
1. Cole, Brennan, Stark  
1 o.g.: Utjesenovic (SG)

**FOOTSCRAY** 32  
7. Vasic  
5. Lujic  
4. Picioane  
3. Ollerton, Ilioski  
2. Belic, Kondarios,  
Hazabent  
1. Jovanovic, Petrov,  
Cozello  
1 o.g.: Caldwell (Br.C)

**HEIDELBERG** 54  
21. Cole  
15. Paton  
5. Campbell  
4. Yzendoom, Bozikas  
3. Rooney  
1. Selemidis

**LEICHHARDT** 27  
10. O'Connor  
4. Pirie  
3. Samuels, Harding  
2. Coyne  
1. Morsello, McAus-  
land, McKie  
1 o.g.: Summerscales (NU)

**MARCONI** 52  
15. Jankovic  
13. Krncevic  
8. Sharne  
7. Byrne  
3. Vieri



MARK JANKOVIC

2. Mariani  
1. Raskopoulos, Lindsay  
2 o.g.: Russell (AC)  
1 o.g.: Cole (CC)

**NEWCASTLE K.B. UTD** 32  
8. Heys  
5. Jones  
3. Senkalski, McClel-  
land  
2. Tredinnick, Trenter,  
Drinkwater  
1. Kamasz, Deakin,  
Mason, Cowburn,  
Burrows, Curran, Reaney

1 o.g.: Marshall (AC)

**SOUTH MELBOURNE** 42  
10. Buljevic  
8. Evans  
6. Campbell  
5. Cummings  
3. Rogers, Chris-  
topoulos  
2. Xanthopoulos, Ban-  
non, Wright  
1. Kakantonis

**ST GEORGE** 31  
11. Duarte  
4. Cotton  
3. Campbell, Katholos,  
Griffiths  
2. Beggs, Kay, Stone  
1. Utjesenovic, Barton

**SYDNEY CITY** 47  
13. Boden  
10. Barnes  
7. Stevenson  
6. Trenter  
4. Smith  
3. Spanos, Watson  
1. Gomez, Mullen,  
Thomson, Souness, Borges

**WEST ADELAIDE** 24  
6. Manecas  
5. Kosmina  
3. Honeyman  
1. Atsalas, Koulianos,  
Bozanic, Norris, Topaz,  
Key, Tymczyszyn,  
McGachey, Forde  
1 o.g.: Stowell (B1.C)

## IN VICTORIA'S STATE LEAGUE

**PRESTON** (55)  
Ward 16; McMillan 14; Ol-  
lerton 9; Faulkner 4; Cullen  
4; Luccesi 4; Petrovski 3;  
Lesbirel 1.

**ESSENDON** (37)  
Gilder 8; Mitten 6; Tront 5;  
Murphy 4; Cumming,  
Batanovic, Adams, Klarin  
2; Kokoska 1; Gardiner 1;  
Kerr 1; Istuk 1; O.G. 2.

**G.C.** (29)  
Vojtek 5; Bennie, Morrey,  
Patten, Segi 4; Bennett,  
Derkin, Vassallo 2; Dunne  
1; Mansonelli 1.

**ST KILDA** (29)  
French 10; Jordanou,  
McNeill 4; Gibson 3; Kent  
2; Loh 1; Blair 1; Dosen 1;  
Bannon 1; Webster 1; O.G. 1.

**JUVENTUS** (34)  
McGuinness 17; Gillan 6;  
Incantalupo 4; Ristovski 4;  
Heery 2; Sabbadusi 1.

**FRANKSTON** (36)  
Wall 12; Adams 10;  
Buchanan 4; Cooper 3;  
Young 2; Webb 2; Parton  
1; McCluskey 1; Whiteside  
1.

**CROYDON** (20)  
Loughnane 6; Wylie 5;  
Brogan 3; McCombe 2;  
Doornabel 1; Howarth 1;  
McKinley 1; Smith 1.

**GEORGE CROSS** (22)  
PAPARIS 5; Pollock 5;



CARL GILDER

Cowen 3; Ziegeleer 3; Cas-  
tellio 2; Morgan 1; Mizzi 1;  
Mirak 1; O.G. 1.

**SUNSHINE** (20)  
Pocock 6; D. Nelson 4;  
McRobert 3; McNally 2;  
Morovic 2; Donaldson 2;  
R. Nelson 1.

**ALTONA** (18)  
Whyte 4; Craw 3; Cannell  
3; Little 2; Watters 2; Hoy-

**WEST SUBS** (19)  
Greechan 7; Carr 4; Adam-  
gikis 2; Kyprios 2; Daperis  
1; Theocharidis 1; Chris-  
toudis 1; O.G. 1.

**PRAHRAN** (15)  
McGorian 8; Cullen 3; Wil-  
liams 1; Jurina 1; Houston  
1; Cook 1.

## N.S.W. COCA COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

### 1980 Top Scorers:

1980 Complete list of  
Club's Scorers  
**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 53  
10. Hensman  
8. Eaton  
6. Scott  
5. Rowden, Zeros,  
Laing  
4. Jennings  
3. Housseini  
2. Wilson, Cross  
1. Ankudinoff, Koussas

**MELITA EAGLES** 44  
11. Allan  
7. Farrugia, Jones  
6. Williams, Parker  
3. Stoddart, Juchiewicz  
1 o.g.: Lackey (Parra)

**AUBURN** 40  
13. Ross  
6. McCulloch  
5. McDonald  
4. McCrannor, Martinez  
2. Bertram, Field,  
Dobson  
1. McMillan, Dawson

**ARNCLIFFE** 40  
13. Montgomery  
9. Leak  
7. Ainslie  
4. Tracey  
2. Bulloch  
1. Martin, Oldham,  
Luckett, Mortimer,  
Hooper

**CROATIA** 41  
10. M. Kovacic  
10. Kafka  
10. Culina  
3. Pegano  
2. Sullivan  
1. Muratovic, Grujicic,  
Savor, Vidaic, Coleman,  
A. Kovacic



STEVE MONTGOMERY

**CANTERBURY** 38  
11. Hall  
8. Williams  
5. Brown  
2. Byles, Thamnidis,  
Basterfield  
1. Kable, Penman,  
Ramisch, Thomson

**NORTH SYDNEY** 38  
10. Leydon  
7. Wilson  
6. A. Bottalico  
4. Porter, Yousef  
3. Delaney  
2. Dale  
1. Rorke, Walker

**SUTHERLAND** 34  
8. Meades  
5. Bush  
4. Groome, Dalforno  
3. Hesford, Schumman,  
Watkins  
2. Connors, Rogers,  
1. Molone

**AVALA** 31  
8. Tilt  
5. Czolnowski, Karan-  
filovski  
3. Djuricic, Kodor  
2. Deller, Rodic  
1. Nytia, Batemen,  
Brown

**INTERMONARO** 31  
11. Link  
7. Noble, Heywood  
1. Valeri, Trajanovski,  
Santolin, Talevski

**BANKSTOWN** 32  
7. Davis  
6. Daley  
5. Thompson  
3. Lembray, Williams  
2. Beater  
1. Rootsey, Brown,  
King, Peck, Vanbrinssen,  
Rea  
1 o.g.: Donovan (Parra)

**KURINGAI** 28  
8. Herron  
4. McGill  
3. Seech, Smith  
2. Hill  
1. Hogg, Jones, Hunter,  
Noble, Wheatley,  
Robertson  
1 o.g.: Bateman (Avala)

**PARRAMATTA** 24  
4. Lackey, Stephenson  
3. Mitchell, Roden  
2. O'Maye, Fisher  
1. Hearn, Waldron,  
Nytia, Jordan, Wilson,  
Brizzuella

**MAN-WARRINGAH** 29  
7. Jack  
6. Firrell  
4. Stuart, Vale, Fox

## PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE RESULTS SEASON 1980

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1. South Melbourne	★	2:0	1:2	5:0	1:0	3:3	1:0	3:0	2:1	2:1	3:1	0:0	0:0	2:2
2. West Adelaide	1:0	★	0:2	4:2	0:4	1:0	2:0	0:2	0:2	1:0	0:1	1:1	1:0	1:1
3. Sydney City	2:1	7:0	★	3:0	4:2	2:1	0:2	2:2	2:1	4:1	2:1	2:0	1:1	1:1
4. Blacktown City	0:3	1:0	1:3	★	0:0	3:1	1:0	3:0	1:2	4:2	5:1	1:1	1:2	4:1
5. Leichhardt	1:0	2:0	2:2	0:0	★	2:1	2:1	0:0	2:1	1:2	2:2	1:0	0:5	0:0
6. Brisbane City	0:1	1:1	1:0	1:2	1:0	★	1:1	1:1	1:2	0:1	2:1	1:2	7:0	1:1
7. Canberra City	0:0	4:3	2:3	0:1	2:2	1:1	★	0:0	1:0	4:1	0:1	1:2	0:1	2:4
8. Footscray	3:0	0:3	1:2	3:0	1:0	1:1	0:1	★	1:3	5:3	0:4	2:1	0:2	3:1
9. Adelaide City	0:1	1:0	1:0	3:2	2:0	0:0	1:1	4:1	★	6:1	0:1	1:3	1:0	0:0
10. St George	0:3	3:1	0:2	4:1	1:0	1:1	1:5	1:1	1:4	★	0:3	0:3	3:5	2:3
11. Marconi	1:4	2:1	2:0	9:0	1:2	4:0	3:2	2:2	2:1	0:0	★	4:1	1:1	2:1
12. Newcastle K.B. UTD	1:0	2:0	0:3	1:0	1:0	1:1	0:4	0:0	3:1	2:1	0:1	★	3:1	0:0
13. Heidelberg UTD	1:2	4:2	0:0	5:1	5:1	3:1	2:0	3:2	0:0	4:2	3:3	4:0	★	1:0
14. Brisbane Lions	1:2	2:1	2:0	1:0	2:1	1:0	0:0	1:1	1:2	0:0	0:0	1:4	1:2	★

## N.S.W. COCA COLA STATE LEAGUE COMPLETE TABLE OF RESULTS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1. Sydney Olympic	★	2:0	1:1	1:2	4:0	4:1	0:2	0:1	4:1	1:0	3:1	0:0	3:1	2:0
2. Avala	0:2	★	2:1	3:2	1:1	1:0	4:1	0:1	1:0	3:3	0:2	2:0	0:3	0:2
3. Sutherland	4:2	0:0	★	2:3	1:0	2:0	1:0	0:0	1:2	3:1	1:1	1:2	2:0	0:2
4. Croatia	1:2	1:3	0:2	★	1:1	6:0	0:1	5:1	1:2	2:0	2:1	2:2	1:1	0:0
5. Manly Warringah	1:4	1:2	1:2	0:2	★	2:3	4:1	1:0	1:2	3:1	1:1	0:1	0:0	2:2
6. Parramatta City	0:4	1:2	2:0	0:0	1:0	★	2:1	2:1	0:6	2:2	1:2	0:1	2:2	0:3
7. Bankstown	0:0	1:2	1:3	3:0	0:1	2:0	★	3:1	4:1	2:0	1:5	0:2	0:1	0:2
8. Canterbury	0:1	2:0	2:1	1:1	2:1	4:1	3:2	★	1:0	2:2	1:1	3:1	2:0	1:3
9. North Sydney	2:1	1:1	0:1	2:2	2:1	7:0	1:1	0:1	★	1:0	3:2	0:1	0:0	1:1
10. Kuringai	0:4	1:0	2:1	3:1	0:2	1:2	0:3	3:3	3:0	★	0:0	1:2	1:2	0:1
11. Arncliffe Scots	0:1	1:1	5:2	3:3	0:3	6:2	3:0	0:2	1:3	1:3	★	0:0	1:0	1:0
12. Auburn	0:4	1:1	3:1	1:2	3:2	1:0	5:1	2:1	2:1	0:0	5:0	★	1:0	0:1
13. Inter Monaro	1:2	2:1	1:1	0:0	2:0	1:1	2:1	1:2	2:0	2:1	6:2	1:1	★	0:1
14. Melita Eagles	3:1	2:0	2:0	2:1	3:0	2:1	4:1	2:0	1:0	2:0	2:0	0:3	1:0	★



# MARCONI, BERGERS PREPARE FOR ANOTHER BATTLE

A hundred and twenty minutes of soccer failed to give the Philips Cup to anyone at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Heidelberg United and Marconi Fairfield fought a long and tiring scoreless draw which now forces them to a replay tomorrow week (October 15) at Marconi's ground at Bossley Park.

They have to meet again forcing yet another game upon two very tired teams who have to take part also in the top four series.

The game started with very average play from both teams, with Marconi working very tight and hard and Heidelberg having control in mid field.

Allan Maher again showed his goalkeeping class on Saturday night with some superb saves — as in the tenth minute, when he dived at the feet of Gary Cole, to save an almost certain goal.

In the second half, Heidelberg increased the pressure on Marconi who was defending well particularly Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo and Maher, in the 47th minute, Jim Campbell, taking the ball from a

free kick by Jim Tansey, drove a hard shot, only to win a corner as the ball found one of the defending legs.

Marconi counter attacked in 49 minutes with Peter Brogan who passed to Peter Sharne but the young international, although totally unmarked, shot wide from close range. Again Maher (51st minute) stretched out to save brilliantly a header by Gary Cole, giving away a corner, a minute later he blocked a weak shot by Jamie Paton.

At the 54th minute, Paton became the meat in the sandwich in the penalty area, and finally was brought down by Henderson and Brogan. To my mind it was a clear cut penalty, but referee Johnson had a different opinion and gave a free kick half a metre outside the line.

Henderson was pulling his hair waiting for a penalty and the Heidelberg players protested.

"That penalty could have given us the Cup" said Bergers' president Jim Mangopoulos after the game.

A minute before, the hearts of Heidelberg players stopped and legs

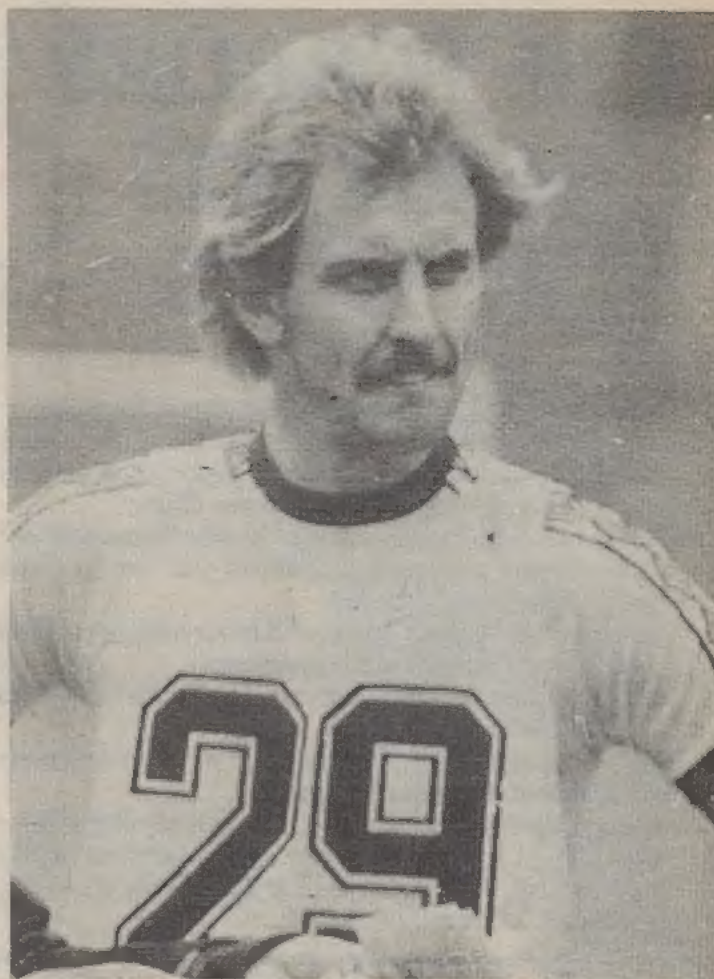
By PETER GEORGIU

went rubbery when Arthur McMillan, who incidentally was the best for Heidelberg, in his attempt to clear the ball, after a shot from Eddie

Krnecvic, kicked it towards his own goal. Bobby Provan was quick enough to save his team by stopping the ball right on the line.

Half an hour of extra time again could not produce a winner, even though Heidelberg missed yet another chance in the 100th minute due to a misunderstanding between Paton and Cole.

So it is a replay on the 15th of October — and



Tony Henderson

with the same referee and linesmen mind you.

How's that for a package deal?

Best for Heidelberg were: McMillan, Tansey, Provan and Bozikas. For Marconi outstanding were, Henderson and Raskopoulos.

Yellow cards were shown to Muir (43), Campbell (57), and Prskalo (67).

Referee: MR. J. Johnson.

Heidelberg: Olver, McMillan, Tansey, Provan, Pat Bannon, Rooney, Selemidis, Campbell, (Williams 97), Bozikas (Taylor 114), Paton, Cole.

Marconi: Maher, Brogan (Lindsay 60), Prskalo, Muir, Cant, Raskopoulos, Byrne, Sharne, Jankovics, Krnecvic.

## ANXIOUS DAYS FOR RELEGATED CLUB

By Tom McKain

It looks like the torture stakes for West Adelaide as they await the outcome of the PSL and ASF deliberations on next year's Philips League.

West is submitting an application to be retained after finished second bottom, above St. George.

But PSL manager Paul Kemp said last week that no decision on the league would be made until later this month (October).

West will base its application on its record and the fact that no other club has applied from SA.

West Finished seventh last year, won the league title in 1978 and was seventh in 1977.

It has a sound administration and will no doubt point out that South Melbourne finished last in 1979, and was readmitted ahead of second-bottom Olympic who were thrown out.

Approaches were made to SA League champions Croatia, runners-up Para Hills, Polonia and Beograd to consider applications for the PSL in 1981, but Mr Kemp confirmed no clubs had applied from SA.

However, it is known that the SA Soccer Federation would encourage the formation of a composite team which could be formed into a new club to represent Adelaide along with Adelaide City.

Originally it looked as if West's readmittance would be a formality, and they would be told that if they finished in the lower regions next season, then they would

be out.  
Now there seems a distinct possibility that

they could be dumped in favor of Wollongong, which has already been promised a place, and with word that the Tasmanian application has impressed the PSL and ASF.

Unless the league is increased, Saints and West may vanish.

"We naturally hope to get back into the

league," said West secretary Mr Jim Carapetis. "But nothing is certain. However, we are hoping we get a decision soon."

If West are dropped they will automatically go into the SA Rothmans League First Division, and pull their reserve team out of the State Second Division.

## PHILIPS CUP 1980

### THE ROAD TO CUP FINAL

BRISBANE CITY 3	BRISBANE LIONS 4		
MT GRAVATT 1	BRISBANE LIONS 2		
BRISBANE LIONS 3	MT GRAVATT 2		
GRANGE THISTLE 0		MARCONI 1	
IPSWICH E 0	SYDNEY CITY 2		
LEICHHARDT 1	SYDNEY CITY 0		
SYDNEY CITY 7	LEICHHARDT 1		MARCONI 0
CROATIA SYDNEY 1			
BLACKTOWN 2	BLACKTOWN CITY 0		
SUTHERLAND 0	ST GEORGE 0		
ST GEORGE 4	ST GEORGE 3		BRISBANE L. 0
INTER MONARO 1			
MARCONI 3	MARCONI 3		
MELITA EAGLES 0	MARCONI 4		
NEWCASTLE 3			
EDGEWORTH 0	NEWCASTLE K.B. 1		
CANBERRA CITY 7			
CROATIA DEAKIN 2	CANBERRA CITY 3		
RAPID HOBART 1	HEIDELBERG 2		
MAKEDONIA 5	PRESTON MAK. 2		
STH MELBOURNE 5		HEIDELBERG 1	
FRANKSTON 2	STH MELBOURNE 1		
HEIDELBERG 2	CANBERRA CITY 0		
CROATIA 0	HEIDELBERG 2		HEIDELBERG 0
FOOTSCRAY 4			
GREEN GULLY 5	GREEN GULLY 1		
ADELAIDE CITY 5	ADELAIDE CITY 3		ADELAIDE CITY 1
ENFIELD 0			ADELAIDE CITY 0
BEOGRAD 3			
CUMBERLAND 2	BEOGRAD 0		
SPEARWOOD 3			
WEST ADELAIDE 1	SPEARWOOD 3		

\* Draws win on Penalties



ALLAN MAHER



## CANTERBURY SUPPORTS JUNIORS

Canterbury District Soccer Football Association secretary Ian Holmes this week said that there had been outstanding co-operation between his Association and the Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic Soccer Club.

"The senior club has gone out of its way to support our promising players and spent \$7,500 this year on the three Youth League teams," he said.

"Jim Ronis and Lionel Brown and other members of the club are amongst our greatest supporters.

"We had the same attitude from Rex Foster before he resigned as club coach."

This year Canterbury Association's wind-up functions are being spread over four sessions.

They are: Seniors, Fri, Oct. 10, Marrickville RSL Club. Juniors, U7, U8, U9, Sun, Oct. 19, Punchbowl RSL, followed by U10, U11, U12, U13 at 2pm. U14, U15 U16, Mon, October 20, Punchbowl RSL.

## POMS & EX-RUGGER PLAYERS BUILT TERREY HILLS SOCCER

Terrey Hills Soccer Club in Manly-Warringah competition was founded in 1972 with one all-age team.

The players consisted of some Englishmen with the addition of some rugby converts from the Terrey Hills Cricket Club.

Over the years standards have built up to the degree that the strong All-age Division 1 team of 1979 became a Premier League team with the backing of a reserve team.

Back in 1972 the position was different. Every game in the All-age Third Division was lost!

In 1974 the club made a big gain when a group of Danish boys who played in the Sydney Amateur League amalgamated with Terrey Hills.

Colours changed from black to blue and the 'Viking' club Logo was adopted.



Now there are teams from U7 to U15 with well over 100 juniors involved,

and in addition there are the senior teams.

It has taken a lot of work, but there is a club of which all can be justifiably proud.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

## JUNIOR SOCCER



## 'UNITED NATION' IN LORD MAYOR'S CUP

When Randwick Boys High scored their goal through David Turner they had annexed the Westfield Lord Mayor's Cup by defeating Cleveland Street Boys High 1-0.

But the only victory was not on the park.

It was an indication of the multi-racial background of the players joining together in sport that characterises much of the scene these days.

And it particularly applies to the near city areas of Sydney.

Here are the respective squads. How many nation-

al backgrounds would be involved?

**RANDWICK NORTH:** Theo Adam, Peter Gibb, Con Liolios, Peter Kavouras, Richard Wilson, George Magoulas, Caesar Raza, Alex Alexandrou, Bill Gotsis, David Turner, Tom Beris, Peter Stathis, Louis Kopsias, Fernando Rios, Francis Tan, Arthur Saran-

dos. Coach: Gary Finlay.

**CLÉVELAND STREET:** Ali Sinan, Tony Gordon, Rudolph Tahir, Leo Saitanis, Johnny Ortiz, Patrick Bayas, Eddie Bosnak, Fari Salievski, Spiro Hantzis, Victor Da Silva, Nuri Shik Salih, Dominic Calabro, Theo Mamozolous, Charlie Poniris, Laurie Fabry. Coach: John Ramm.



Normanhurst U8 Div 2 side (pictured) won its second consecutive premiership this season. The boys took out the Dick Stunt Trophy as the entire club's champion team. They also won the Eloura Sporting Centre Trophy for their defensive record. Only four goals went in against them throughout the season. Manager is Lou Klauser (left rear), with coach Graeme Thorne.

## KINGSFORD'S INFLUX OF YOUNGSTERS

When the Castellorizian Club at Kingsford first opened some six years ago, the club formed senior soccer teams, but juniors were missing.

Phil Gades was one of the workers who decided to move into the junior field. Players were sought from schools around Kingsford, Kensington, Mascot, Botany and Pagewood.

This was the opening salvo in a club that has grown in three years to 13 junior teams. The club remains connected to the Kingsford Megisti Club and plays as Kingsford Junior Soccer Club.

Club secretary Ron Novello speaks highly of the assistance received from senior club president John Procopiadis.

The first team incidentally was fifth in NSW Federation Third Division, and

the reserve team ran a creditable third.

And here is the record for the various junior grades:- U7A 8th; U7B 3rd; U8A last; U9A 5th (also won round robin); U9B 3rd; U10A 1st (also won round robin); U11A 2nd; U11B 6th; U12A 2nd (won Serderon Cup); U12B 2nd; U13 4th; U14 1st; U15 2nd.

Ron Novello has to console himself that the U12B team was level first but lost 2-1 to Queens Park in their play-off for top place.

Also the club lost an U16 team because a coach was not available enough, but he hopes that continuity will increase when Kingsford face the starter in 1981.

## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Terry Hills U/21 narrowly proved their dominance over Connell's Point with a 4-3 win on Sunday, after also defeating them in the Robertson Cup final.

The remaining results were:-

U/8: Fairfield Heights 1, Sylvania 0. Balgownie 2, St Josephs 0. Connells Pt 2, Hakoah 0. Blacktown Utd 2, Eastwood 0.

U/9: West Holroyd 1g 4c, Camden 1g 1c. Revesby Lions 2, St Marys Convent 1.

U/10: Springwood 3, Albion Park 0. Chullora 5, Redbacks 0. Prospect 2, Kingsford 1.

U/11: Balgownie 3, North Rocks 0. Pagewood 2, Griffith 0. Allambie 3, Bathurst 1.

U/12: Smithfield Hotspurs 1g 1c, North Rocks 1g. Blackett 4, Forest 1. Forest Rangers 5, Grange 2.

U/13: Kirrawee 3, Fairfield Hts 1. Belrose 3, Ramsgate 0. Mt Colah 2, Maroubra 1.

U/14: Shellharbour 4, Pendle Hill 0. Pagewood 3, North Epping 0.

U/15: Lansvale 1. Miranda 0. Penshurst West 1, Dee Why 0. Queens Park 3, Quakers Hill 1.

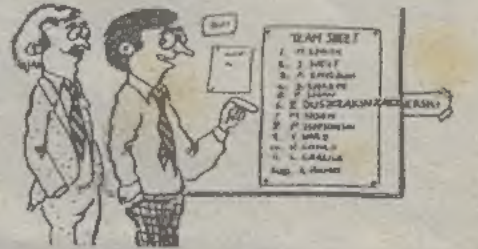
U/16: Bellambi 3, Lithgow 1. East Bankstown 4, Earlwood 2. Peakhurst 1, Hornsby RSL 0.

U/17: Dubbo City Rangers 5, Winston Hills 0.

U/18: Granville Waratahs 2, Kingwood 1.

U/21: North Sutherland 4, St Clair 1. Terry Hills 4, Connells Pt 3.

A/A: Loftus 3, Lansvale 1. Avalon 4, Arncliffe Scots 0. Mittagong 2, Kissing Pt 1.



"I see that Polish import has finally got his name on the team sheet... notice board... and wall!"

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# NEW SOUTH WALES — AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS 1980.

New South Wales won the Australian Schools Soccer Championship at Wollongong this year. New South Wales beat South Australia 4-1 in the final.



1980 MANLY WARRINGAH GOALKEEPERS SQUAD.

Back row 1 to r: Clark Woods (coach), Rod Jones, Nick Conradi, Tim Bedding, Rob Catlin, Fred Wall (head coach). Front row: Craig Morrison, Richard Beadsworth, Martin Whitehorn, Darren Nesbitt, Sean Lahiff, Martin Herbert, John Coram.

Included with each player's name is his current school, senior club and record.

There is obviously a tremendous amount of experience gathered in this schools squad, and it is indicative of the successful path being followed by Australian born and trained youth players.

The squad is: **Back row**, 1 to r: Phil Hare, (Muirfield HS, Manager & NSW CHS convenor). Ray Vlietstra, (Captain & full-back, Wollongong United, NSW U15 & 18.) Leigh Sellars, (sweeper, Booragul HS, Lake Macquarie.) Paul Hiscock, (Full-back, Balgowlah BHS, Manly & NSW U16 & 18.) David Lohman, (goalkeeper, James Cook BHS, St George.) John Pettas, striker, (Sydney Tech. HS, Sydney City. CHS rep 1979, Australian schools 1980.) Tim Anderson, (midfielder, Springwood HS, Penrith Utd.) Renato Licata, (Striker, Cabramatta HS, Marconi Fairfield, NSW U15.) Brandt Cashman, (midfield, Port Hacking HS,

Sutherland, Tasman Cup runner-up.) Phil Murray, (Jesmond HS, Hunter Region coach 1976-80.)

**Front row:** Garry Phillips, (midfield, Coffs Harbour HS, Coffs Harbour State League, Australian Schools 1979 & 1980.) Mark Koussas, (Striker, Meadowbank BHS, Sydney Olympic, NSW U18.) Ian Gray, (Midfield, Balgowlah BHS, Leichhardt, NSW U14,15,16 & NSW CHS 1979.) Glen Shephard, (sweeper, Woonona HS, Bellambi FC, Tasman Cup winner 1980.) Don Brown, (full-back, Fairvale HS, Avala State League.) Marcel Radojevic, (goalkeeper, Ashfield BHS, Leichhardt, NSW U13, 15, 16, NSW CHS 1979, Australian Schools 1980.) Frank

Casacchia, (full-back, Fort Street, Leichhardt, NSW U16, NSW CHS 1979, Australian Schools 1980.) George Fernandez, (midfield, Liverpool BHS, Avala State League, NSW U19.) Mark Simpson, (striker, Woonona HS, Fern Hill FC, Tasman Cup winner.)

**Results**  
Round 1 S.A. 4 d W.A. 0. NSW 2 d Qld 1. Vic 6 d Tas 0.  
Round 2 Qld 5 d Tas 0. S.A. 2 d NSW 1. Vic 5 d W.A. 0.  
Round 3 Vic 2 drew Qld 2. NSW 5 d W.A. 0. S.A. 4 d Tas 1.  
Round 4 NSW 10 d Tas 0. Vic 2 drew S.A. 2. W.A. 2 d Qld 1.  
Round 5 Qld 3 d S.A. 3. NSW 4 d Vic 1. W.A. 2 d Tas 1.

## FINAL TABLE

	Played	W	D	L	F	A	Points
NSW	5	4	—	1	22	4	8
S.A.	5	3	2	—	15	7	8
VIC	5	2	2	1	16	8	6
QLD	5	1	2	2	12	9	4
W.A.	5	2	—	3	4	16	4
TAS	5	—	—	5	2	27	0

Final N.S.W. 4 d S.A. 1.



A serious battle for the ball in U10 B Division between Adamstown and Mayfield at Adamstown Park No 4.

## Raul Blanco discusses

# DISTRICT COACHING SCHEMES



Raul Blanco

In 1978 I had the opportunity to study football for three months in Spain, Germany, France, Czechoslovakia and Argentina.

I looked at senior and junior coaching, and in this article I will restrict my comments to the Youth Development Programmes that are being implemented by the countries I visited.

I found that there was very little difference in the attitudes of these countries to junior soccer.

Basically the programme of development in these countries could be explained in three phases:

- 1) First Phase (Boys to the age of 10)
- 2) Second Phase (Boys from the age of 10-11 to 13-14)
- 3) Third Phase (Boys from the age 14-15 to 16-17)

### 1) FIRST PHASE

In the Australian structure I am still surprised to see boys under the age of 10 years playing in a formal organised 11 v's 11 competition. Games where points determine the champion team with trophies and badges being issued to them. This, I feel, is wrong. At this tender age boys are physically and mentally underdeveloped to undertake organised coaching.

This organised coaching and constant competitive pressure from early age, I feel, is one of the reasons that many players give the game away at the age of 14-15 years.

The attitude of countries visited is to recommend that the ripe age to start special preparation or specialisation is around the age of 10-11 years. This recommendation being from research being carried out by the institutes of the respective countries.

The period up to the age of 10 is regarded as a fun period. Boys during this period are easily distracted, have limited spans of concentration, and tend to do the opposite to what the coach requires from him.

Boys in the countries visited are not involved in any form of formal competition with games on a full pitch. However informal games and competitions are played, but this being just for the purpose of having fun and in small-sided situations.

In this first phase there is no organised coaching or competitive pressure. There are no trophies or badges issued to any team or individual.

In Argentina one coach summed up the first phase by saying "If they want to play, then give them a ball and let them kick it around".

### 2) SECOND PHASE

It is during this phase that boys start on a programme of special preparation. The "ripe age" to start on a structured technical programme is regarded by the countries visited as around 10 to 11 years of age.

The manner in which the boys are selected vary from test, trail observations and recommendations from clubs' talent scouts. All the clubs that I visited have talent scouts who attend regular technical meetings with coaching director.

In this second phase coaches are primarily concerned with the technical preparation of their players. The aim is simply to create a solid basis for future development.

During the training sessions each boy had a ball and carried out repetitious exercises in dribbling, passing, heading and receiving were executed without pressure.

Progression during this phase went only to token pressure, allowing the player with the ball time and space to execute the element required.

The attitude from all of the professional coaches that I spoke to regarding technical preparation is that there is no system that will help a player or team that has poor techniques.

The boys train 3 to 4 days a week and play in a formal or informal competition on the weekend. Every training session that I attended that involved boys in this phase, ended with a small-sided game.

### 3) THIRD PHASE

During this period of development the players progressed from the basic technical exercises to technical-tactical combinations.

In these sessions I noticed a greater demand being put on the player to execute the techniques in given match situations. Where in the second phase each boy had a ball and basic techniques without pressure were coached, the third phase progressed onto 2:1, 2:2, 3:2, 4:3 etc. situations.

Sessions that included set play, group training (attack-defence), play patterns, possession, two touch, one touch etc. were more frequently conducted than in the previous phase.

Also now there was a greater demand on the player in the development of his physical ability.

I must state, however, that even though progression was made with the introduction of technical-tactical exercises, the individual technical development was not ignored.

The training sessions continued as in the second phase with 3 or 4 training days a week. The boys in this phase were involved in a formal competition of top quality with at least one match a week. This is to adapt the players to the competitive rhythm.

### COACHES

During my visit to the countries I was most impressed with the standard of coaching and the structure within the clubs.

All the coaches were professional and had attended or completed courses organised by the National Coaching Scheme.

Each club had a coaching director or technical director whose responsibility was to organise and co-ordinate the clubs coaching programme. Each week the coaching director would conduct meetings with the club coaches where weekly programmes would be presented and approved.

The coaching director was given complete authority to co-ordinate the progress of players from junior to senior status.

### CONCLUSION

There is no doubt in my mind that Australia has the raw material, potential to develop into a respected soccer nation.

To achieve this the authorities and coaches must be prepared to accept and adopt the methodical approach that is being undertaken by the progressive soccer nations in the development of their youth.

I would like to conclude my article with the following suggestions:

- 1) The implementation and club support of a selective youth development programme.
- 2) That there be no formal competition for boys under the age of 10 years.
- 3) If a competition is to be organised for boys under the age of 10 years then it should be informal, small-sided and just for the purpose of having fun.
- 4) From the age of 10 to 14 years that boys be coached primarily on techniques.
- 5) From the age of 14 to 17 years progress on to technical-tactical exercises with a now-greater demand on the physical development.
- 6) The implementation of a district coaching scheme with the approval of the National Coaching Organisation.
- 7) The appointment of a Coaching Director to co-ordinate the Youth Development Programme in the Club or District.

## JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

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### SOCCER SKILLS

with JIM HERMISTON

**TIMELY PASS.** Although a winger may have excellent dribbling ability and be capable of beating three or four opponents in succession, he should also be on the lookout to pass the ball to a team-mate after he has beaten one or at most two opponents. If he goes on to try and get past more than two opponents he is likely to have given the players already beaten time to recover and face him again. Consequently he will have gained little or no advantage for his team by taking on the extra players and risking losing the ball.



# SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC SHATTER

## STH AUSTRALIA

### MELITA EAGLES IN SEMI-FINAL

By John Field

Melita Eagles, pride and joy of the Maltese community and convincing premiers in the Coca Cola State League of NSW, suffered huge defeat at the hands of Sydney Olympic at the Sports Ground.

Olympic, clearly second-best in the premiership — in which they finished six points behind Melita — decided to come good in this major semi-final.

They didn't just win... they murdered Melita to the tune of 5-1.

It was one of the most convincing semi-final successes in the history of the NSW Federation.

And so unexpected was the size of the win, it left Melita officials and coach Atti Abonyi scratching their heads in the dressing room afterwards. "What went wrong?" That's the question they all asked. The answer could be found in the ranks of the Olympic team.

Olympic turned on an irresistible second-half performance which transformed the 1-1 half-time scoreline into the eventual 5-1 hiding.

Some of Olympic's second half raids were brilliant and it was no surprise to see Melita's defence falter and fail.

Most of the damage was done from Olympic's left wing where Andy Scott, aided by Graham Jennings, carved holes in the struggling Eagles defence. Scott has rarely played better and he scored a peach of a goal — the fourth of his team's five.

Peter Hensman scored twice, once from a Scott cross and later when he headed in Bobby Smith's corner kick.

Other Olympic goals came through Clive Eaton, who headed in the first from Greg Ankudinoff's long throw just before half-time, and Kenny Wilson with a penalty kick.

It was powerhouse stuff from Sydney Olympic, the sort of football their demanding fans have wanted to see all this year.

However, it was Melita who opened the scoring. Ray Farrugia converted a penalty kick after "hands" after a scoreless 39 minutes.

By the way, full marks to referee Tim Davies who, as usual, handled this semi-final excellently.

One had to sympathise with Olympic coach Jim Adam, whose contract is not being renewed. Adam insists the team has done

well this season, though without the premiership, it counts for little.

Sydney Olympic won the Ampol Cup, finished runners-up in the premiership and, now, should take the grand final. But Adam has only one more match in charge — the grand final on Sunday week.

As for Melita, they will surely improve on this showing. Can they bounce back to win the preliminary final and go on to take the big one a week later?

It is asking a lot, although any team which has played so convincingly during the year must be in



Clive Eaton

with a chance... despite the miseries of Sunday's defeat at the Sports Ground.

**MELITA EAGLES:** Greedy, Berry, McDonald, Darvill, Mikas, Juchiewicz, Williams, Farrugia, Allan, Stoddart, Parker (Jones 58

mts). **SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier, Ankudinoff, Palmer, Wilson, Rowden, Cross, Smith, Scott, Eaton, Hensman, Jennings (Laing 77 mts). **REFEREE:** Mr T. Davies.

## ROUGH STUFF IN REPLAY

BY ALEX VESIC

It took 120 minute of pretty fierce football at Sydney Sports Ground yesterday to sort out the winner of the Coca Cola State minor semi-final.

In the end Canterbury went through to next Sunday's final in which they will meet Melita Eagles the Coca Co-a premiers.

The normal 90 minutes produced no goals at all but in the extra time period the Berries scored twice to Auburn's one goal.

Jim Basterfeld opened the scoring for Canterbury early in the extra time but Kevin Dobson equalised quickly.

It was Basterfeld again who clinched things with his second goal to give

Canterbury a hard-won victory by 2-1.

Auburn dominated the first half and created a few opportunities but Tom McCulloch and John McCrannor failed to convert from good positions inside the area.

Apart from those chances, the game was played in mid-field with fierce tackling coming from both sides.

Ross Brown of Canterbury earned the anger of some Auburn players after three successive fouls —

with the last bringing play to a halt for almost three minutes while McCulloch received attention.

For Canterbury, Greg Byles and Neil Williams were prominent while George Barboutis, the player-coach, held the team together at the back.

Jonh McDonald and Hector Martinez were involved in some promising raids for Auburn but the front runners failed to capitalise on opportunities created.

Alex McPherson, in goal for the Berries, had his work cut out with some high balls being pumped towards his goal but made some brilliant saves to hold Auburn out.

Ross Brown had a go at Kevin Dobson in the early minutes of the second half and there was again a stoppage in play.

Dobson then became involved with Chris Thamnidis. With Thamnidis on the ground, Alex McMillan joined in and was sent off for his troubles.

Then Martinez and Ron Gisbourne became concerned with fisticuffs rather than football.

Yellow cards were handed out by referee Barry Wilkinson.

By Tom McKain

The SA Ampol Cup summer series for 1981 got a boost last week with West Adelaide promising to field their strongest team in the competition.

It expects to be readmitted to the Phillips League which kicks off early, but will still play in the Ampol Cup.

The night competition will be played Wednesdays next year, and not Mondays and Fridays as in previous seasons.

This means PSL clubs can use the Wednesday as a hard trial match for their Sunday games.

As we went to Press West were definite starters, and Adelaide City were on the brink of accepting the invitation to play.

Neither club took part this year and the gates slumped.

Apart from their inclusion in 1981, the SA Federation hopes to boost takings through the fielding of the Amateur League State squad, a combined Second Division side and the State Under 19 Youth squad.

The top three teams the Rothmans League — Croatia, Para Hills and Cumberland — will make up the field which will be split into two leagues, with two games every Wednesday night.

The three State league clubs will all have new coaches for the night series.

Croatia have lost Billy Birch who is about to sign for West, Para Hills. Frank Schaper is being tipped for a managerial post with Adelaide City or coaching another club, and Cumberland sacked Denis Harlow.

The State squads and the combined Second Division team proved the other Wednesday night they could be an attraction.

In the Mayor of Hindmarsh charity night the

Second Division squad played State select, and looked like a club outfit.

The Amateurs took on the youngsters, and here again the standard was good.

However, it is expected that City and West will finish up finalists, although the last time they played they met in the semi-finals with West going on to beat Croatia in the final.

The Adidas-SA Soccer Coaches Association senior award for August has been won by Nick Bojanic, coach of Orange-Sturt in the Metropolitan League.

Orange edged out Adelaide University to win the championship.

Bojanic was a goalkeeper with Beograd back in the 60s, then joined the club's committee.

He signed on with Orange-Sturt at the start of the year and coached three of the clubs teams.

Junior coach of the month was Joe Larecki, a player with Polonia, who has had great runs with the State Under-19 team, (in the final of the national championship) and the State High Schools' team, which was also a runner-up in its national competition.

Previous senior winners were — April — Jack Braidwood (Whyalla). May — Alex McKinnell (Adelaide University). June — Billy Birch (Croatia) — July — Frank Schaper (Para Hills).

SA director of coaching, Mike Wells, will attend the Fifa-Coca-Cola International Academy at Auckland University from October 20th-November 1.

The academy is one of 16 to be run in various centres on a world-wide scale during the next two years.

## KU-RING-GAI DOWN

By KEITH GILMOUR

Parramatta City excelled themselves with one of their best outings of the season in the NSW State League play-off at Potts Park, Yagoona.

Their 4-2 win leaves them in the Coca Cola State League, whilst Ku-ring-gai are back in First Division after just one season up.

Parra played it wide, using orthodox wingers. They thoroughly deserved their victory, but after leading 2-0 they slackened off and Ku-ring-gai

chopping off a supply of the ball to Jim Herron and other key players.

John Forwood was strong in midfield, and Kevin Lackey and Percy Bigland excelled throughout.

Nelson Brizuela played like he has never played before, and had a hand in the goalscoring as well. Rarely was the Parramatta City defence in trouble, and the club had reason to feel relieved that they secured striker Mick Stephenson for the season.

He turned up with two goals, the others coming from Brizuela and Lackey.

Ku-ring-gai's scorers were Magill and Jones. Jim Magill shone in a team that fielded too many players who were inexperienced when it came to

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# SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

## ESSENDON SLAUGHTERS JUVENTUS IN FINAL

BY GREG BLAKE

Essendon Croatia scored what is believed to be a Federation record Dockerty Cup final victory when they trounced Juventus at Olympic Park last Sunday.

As most predicted, Essendon had no trouble in winning their second successive final but the decisiveness of the final score did come as something of a shock.

Essendon striker Noel Mitten must also be in the running for his own place in the record books after netting a hat trick in the final thus bringing his total goals in the quarter finals, semi finals and final to nine.

Someone suggested to me prior to the match that an Essendon win would be a mere formality and although at the time I had my doubts, by the end of the match I wandered away pondering how I could ever have rated Juventus even the slightest of chances.

Quite simply Essendon's performance had everything. Control, power, aggression, arrogance, skill and that touch of cool professionalism seen only very rarely in State League competition these days.

Juventus on the other hand, had nothing. Perhaps a couple of triers in the first half but after the first 15 minutes were never really in the match.

An indication of things to come came very early on when Essendon player-coach John Gardiner chipped a cheeky pass over the defence to put Howard Andrews through in sight of goal.

Although Andrews put the ball over the bar Essendon did not have to wait long before they opened the scoring.

Throughout the game Gardiner showed all the guile and skill for which he is renowned and fittingly he opened the account in the 18th minute.

An inswinging corner from Joe Tront dropped over the defender on the near post to Gardiner who flicked his header wide of Juventus goal-keeper Jack Reilly.

Two minutes later Gardiner was again in the action with a lovely pass that found Andrews running into the far side of the penalty area. Reilly advanced towards him but Andrews calmly pulled the ball back for Noel Mitten to score his first.

Juventus injured left back Della Roca was replaced by Sannapoli

shortly afterward. The new boy was given the job of marking Gardiner but he, as most of his team mates, looked all at sea against the red machine.

Essendon toyed with Juventus until half time although sweeper Keith Adams was forced into

well timed left foot angled shot that went under the keeper.

Gilder made it 7-0 nine minutes from time when he headed home a by-line cross provided by Mitten.

Juventus tested Blasby for the first time in the closing minutes



Jack Reilly . . . a match he won't forget.

some desperate last man defence firstly clearing a shot from Sabbadussi and then relieving McGuinness of any chance of a shot when the latter ran onto a header from George Gillan.

Hoping to add some bite in attack Juventus bought on another youngster, Fabio Incantalupo, at half time to replace Ristovski but he too proved ineffective against the Essendon onslaught.

Essendon mid-fielder Joe Tront had a splendid second half and added number three in the 57th minute when he hit home a rebound from a defender.

Tront was the instigator of goal number four two minutes later when he provided a cross for Gilder who headed the ball on for Mitten to bag his second.

Gilder who improved as the game went on, went close shortly afterward but again it was the man of the moment, Mitten, who added the next.

His third and Essendon's fifth in the 70th minute was the goal of the match. He set off on one of his jinking solo runs, beat Creany inside the box and slammed the ball high over the dispirited Reilly.

Gilder more than deserved to get on to the score sheet and did so minutes later with a

when the keeper made three fine saves in succession from Incantalupo, McGuinness and Gillan.

When Alan Kerr's shot in the final minute of the match was handled by Cavallari on the line the jubilant Essendon players invited goal keeper Blasby to take the spot kick and although Reilly pushed it on to the bar and finally away it was still a happy John Gardiner who held the trophy aloft at full time.

Final score Essendon Croatia 7 (Mitten 3, Gilder 2, Gardiner, Tront). Brunswick Juventus 0. Attendance about 3,000. Best players for Essendon Blasby, Bilaver, Adams, Andrews, Gardiner, Gilder, Mitten, Tront, Short, Kokoska and Kerr. For Juventus Heery, Crino and Gillan.

Victorian Rothmans Medal Award

The winner of the 1980 Rothmans Medal for Victoria's best State League player is Juventus' Bobby McGuinness. McGuinness won the award with 34 votes after a neck and neck struggle with the eventual runner up Mike Glykolalamos of Western Suburbs who finished with 30 votes. Billy Wilkinson of George Cross and Robbie Cullen of Preston finished equal third with 19 votes apiece.

## MT GRAVATT STUNG BY THE THISTLE

FROM WALLY BRUCE

A more-committed Grange Thistle ensured the 1980 Queensland Soccer spoils were evenly shared by overpowering rivals Mt. Gravatt 2-0 in the State League grand final at Perry Park.

Thistle, therefore, prevented Mt. Gravatt from emulating their feat of last season — the State League premiership and grand final championship.

Mt. Gravatt, however, have the consolation of knowing they were overall the season's most consistent club, the undeniable accolade which goes with this year's State League title.

As Thistle had also missed out on the third major trophy, the Ampol Cup, this grand final was their last chance of glory.

They set about the task with just that little extra fervour, even though, as they would have expected, the task of subduing Mt. Gravatt, was not achieved easily.

The single goal margin which has separated these clubs in most of their confrontations during the last two seasons, again seemed likely to be the match-winning difference.

But Thistle, with a goal up their sleeves at half-time, finally settled the outcome through a streak of individualism from Alan Marley in the 78th minute.

Ironically, the player who snatched the vital first goal, two minutes from half-time, would not have played but for the withdrawal through injury of striker Ben Sokeni.

Thistle hoped during the week that Sokeni's ankle injury would mend but the vacant spot fell to Glen Huntly, a somewhat surprising choice.

It is doubtful if Huntly has played a full State League match all season.

While he was a regular member of the team last season, it was in the right back position.

Yet Huntly proved to be manager George Pagan's inspired choice, cracking in one of the most amazing goals of the season.

Thistle left-back Mickey Tripp started the move deep in his own territory and crossed to the penalty spot, where Marley and his markers John Ferguson jumped in vain to meet it.

The ball ran loose towards the backline, and Huntly, backing up, hammered the shot from the most acute angle past Mark Davis into the roof of the net.

Thistle had stamped their authority on the first half by taking a grip of the midfield, a battle won with surprising ease.

Many of the players, on both sides, who were expected to dominate this department, drifted out of the match for long periods.

While Thistle were served diligently by Ricky Mangan and John Pateron, Mt. Gravatt's only consistent competitor was the tireless Bevan Bohan.

With Mangan's probing, aided by the overlapping of Iain Fagan and Tripp, and the precocious front running of Marley, Thistle always had the upper hand.

Yet before Huntly's breakthrough, Mt. Gravatt several times caused problems by working in behind the Thistle defence, through Gary Bohan, Ian Head and John Reid.

The goal Marley scored to make it 2-0 virtually came out of the blue.

Thistle were attacking, but not menacingly, when Marley gained possession and darted forward through a huge gap in the Mt. Gravatt defence to shoot past Davis.

More gaps appeared at the back as Mt. Gravatt pushed Paul Yeuell forward from left back in des-

peration late in the match.

No more goals came but the persistence of Marley and the infusion of a fresh Ross Swan enabled Thistle to maintain the momentum.

The only real flicker of hope for Mt. Gravatt came right near the end, when it was far too late Bevan Bohan's scorching long-range drive skimming the Thistle crossbar.

Tripp was voted man of the match, yet he was closely pushed by Marley, Mangan, Fagan and the centre back pair of Mark Aponas and Huisdean Lazenby.

Mt. Gravatt did not have any shirkers either, but most surely would admit to not being up to the job on the day.

Merton East celebrated their last match before changing their name to Eastern Suburbs by beating Mitchelton 3-1 in the first division grand final.

The teams were level 1-1 at half-time, before Merton deservedly forged away in the second half.

The second division grand final went to Goodna, with a 1-0 win over Salisbury.

Grange Thistle 2- (Huntly, Marley) beat Mt. Gravatt 0. First Division — Merton East 3 (Blackadder, Sinn, Thomas) beat Mitchelton 1 (Jones). Second Division — Goodna 1 (Madden) beat Salisbury 0.

## PSL PROFESSIONALS FREE AGENTS?

By Keith Gilmour

Fulltime soccer professionals should be free to negotiate their own contracts at the end of their present club obligations

This is without the hindrance of transfer fees, and is in accordance with the Dennis Tutty judgement.

The situation will be a boon to the professionals, just as it is worrying progressive thinkers amongst the Philips Soccer League clubs.

Already players such as Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic and Tony Henderson, three of Marconi-Fairfield's Socceroos, are dependent on the sport for their incomes.

It is the plans which were recently prematurely announced for indoor and summer soccer come to fruition, then more players are certain to turn professional.

The case involving Tutty, a professional Rugby League player and now a coach, leaves such players absolutely free to negotiate their own arrangements at the end of their contracts.

Top Rugby League players have cashed in ever since. Clubs in NSW have survived due to non-crowd income.

NSW Soccer Federation officials trumpeted their success in the Steve Hoszowski case.

As Hoszowski was not dependent upon soccer for his prime source of income, the court ruled that he remained subject to the Federation's transfer rules.

In effect there was no overriding restraint of trade element in the transaction. However the emergence of fulltime players in the PSL has created a new situation analogous to Tutty's case rather than to



Sir Arthur George

Hoszowski's.

The effect of court decisions spill over from state to state.

Whilst genuine soccer professionals have everything to gain from offering their services in the marketplace, leading clubs have a considerable amount to lose.

Yakka Banovic's \$130,000 transfer to Derby County is a case in point.

Heidelberg needed funds. There are other Australians who are much more valuable to overseas teams than the very capable Banovic.

He received his own signing-on fee, but the figure is not remotely connected to his own worth had he been a free agent.

It is understandable that Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf wants his leading squad members to remain in Australia as the base for their World Cup duties.

Players have the incentive to represent their own country in the world's greatest sporting tourney, a greater event than the Olympics which unfortunately have become nothing short of a headache to stage.

But the overseas soccer market will beckon more and more unless the incomes of top Australian players rise dramatically.

It would be foolish to imagine that such free enterprise advocates as the ASF's Sir Arthur George and the PSL's Frank Lowy do not recognise the situation.

Players can rest assured that some very clever lawyers are trying to create PSL rules that bend more towards Hoszowski than to Tutty.

After all, with Australia producing more Sharnes, Krncevics, Davidsons, Blairs and Hunters, the English and European market must be looming as a very lucrative possibility for future transfers.

That is provided, of course, that transfer fees remain the basis of player movement overseas, a point that club directors must be pondering.

Money is difficult to replace as the exchange medium for services, but clubs must start to wonder whether they are better dealing with the players themselves when transfer fees edge upward from \$1m to \$2m, \$3m and now \$5m and often value added tax is applicable as well.

Regardless of this, the law and the signs are there to demonstrate that Australia is now facing the emergence of fully-fledged player power.

So let the players rejoice (subject to their facing the courts is necessary), and let the buyer (clubs beware!)



# SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

## WOLLONGONG PAY THE PENALTY!

By "Mercury Murphy"

Mike Johnson thought he had experienced just about everything that can happen to a coach ... but that was before he took over at Wollongong United at the start of the season.

His aim was to get the team into the Coca-Cola State League and it was certainly no fault of his, they didn't get there.

Johnson is now having nightmares in which he sees players in United's colors missing penalties.

The team missed out on promotion by a point to Polonia — after being edged out on a play-off by North Sydney last year.

The United coach has no doubts his team was the best in the competition. "It's just that they froze every time we were awarded a penalty," he said.

"It may sound hard to believe, but the team missed four penalties during the season and just one of them in the net could have taken us up."

United finished the season with the best goal difference, mainly through the efforts of their defence in the latter stages.

In the last 11 games, the

side conceded only four goals, including two penalties and one "own goal."

When he can forget about the goals they should have scored, Johnson says the team played very well and deserved a better fate.

"The players gave me a lot of dedication and effort when we needed it and their attitude to training was probably the best of any team I have coached," he said.

Johnson has another year to go on his contract but the future of the club is in doubt because most of the top players are reported to be leaving.

Some are to join Illawarra premiers Fairy Meadow while others want to try out with Wollongong City.

Johnson is keen to retain an interest in Wollongong Soccer even if United decides to pull out of the first division.

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The Jones boys created some kind of record at Coniston junior club recently.

Darren (13), Paul (10) and Dean (7), all play with Coniston teams and were named best and fairest for the season.

All pupils at Coniston Primary, the brothers are Soccer-mad and spend all their spare time kicking a ball around.

Darren has already made the representative scene and was a member of the Illawarra Under 13 side which was runner-up in the State championships.

It was pleasing to see the struggling Bellambi club win the Under 18 grand final, particularly for Robert Banks who coaches the side.

Still active in first grade Banks has played all his senior Soccer at Bellambi and has held just about every official position from president down.

He was part of the Bel-

lambi team that had that great State Cup run a few years back only to lose 2-1 to Yugal in front of 5,000 people at Woonona in a quarter-final.

It seemed as though Banks gained just as much satisfaction from the boys winning than anything he had achieved as a player.

The interest in Illawarra Soccer since the admission to PSL showed through at the grand final between Fairy Meadow and West-Figtree.

A record district crowd of 3,160 packed Memorial Park and there was plenty of colour among the promotions before the start of the main game.

The score of 5-1 in Fairy Meadow's favour proves that the premiers are a very classy team and deserve all their success.

One aspect of the game to stand out was the way the Figtree cheer squad kept urging their team on.

Even close to the end when their players were four goals behind, the fans made as much noise as at the start.

It was refreshing to see: these days, most so-called supporters would have left the ground just after half-time.

Coniston midfielder Mark Vinton has had a season he would rather forget, but everything came good when he played in the reserve grade grand final.

Vinton was one of the big-name signings to join Coniston this year and also one of many to be injured.

He dislocated a shoulder early in the season, the second time it had come out, and missed a number of games.

Even when he came back to first grade, the injury gave him problems when he went into a tackle.

Vinton qualified for reserve grade in the finals and scored a gem of a goal from 35 metres in the semi-final replay against Figtree.

In the grand final, he again scored a fine goal and helped his side to a 5-3 win over Corrimal.

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Talk about confidence ... Fairy Meadow supporters have been keen to back their side just about every game this season but the big money came out before the grand final.

Some supporters won plenty from their Figtree counterparts, but one in particular had reason to be pleased.

He bet a Figtree fan \$50 at 10-1 Fairy Meadow would score five goals in the big game.

When Steve Langford headed in the fifth goal to make the score 5-1 it brought the biggest cheer of the day.

## WILL ESSENDON FANS RETURN?

asks Bob Brian

Essendon Croatia, deposed Victorian State League champions, have a double task ahead of them when they start the League Cup competition tomorrow.

One is to make up for losing the title they held for the previous two seasons.

And two to win back the large number of fans who deserted them in their hour of need.

It is a sad fact that only around 500 people watched Essendon's last league match of the season, when there should have been at least 2000.

Then in the semi final of the Dockerty Cup only about 1000 saw them beat St Kilda, Hakoah 6-1 at Olympic Park.

These attendances are well below the club's seasonal average and

he will be more closely watched this time.

But Essendon, have so many potential goal scorers, Carl Gilder, Joe Tront, Ken Murphy, to name three.

Against that Saints have only Graham French and Chris Kent with the necessary flair to consistently worry them.

I expect a clear-cut Essendon victory in that game, the first of a double header.

In the second, champions Preston Makedonia, plays Green Gully Ajax and this could be much closer.

Sunday at Olympic Park.

These two are much more evenly matched and will provide an entertaining game.

It's likely that Gully coach Bobby McLachlan, will put Grant Smart on Chris Kent and John Patten on Graham French.

If they can come out on top, Gully will win, if not, Saints will take the points. It's as close as that.

The big one comes later when Essendon Croatia, meets Preston Makedonia, and if there's not 5000 on hand



PETER OLLERTON IN HIS APIA DAYS ... BUT STILL PLAYING WELL ENOUGH FOR THE PSL.

prove beyond doubt that their supporters will pay only to see success.

Obviously, unlike so many others, they have been spoiled, but that's something the club has to live with.

Still Essendon can go a long way to winning them back by taking out the League Cup.

By coincidence, they again play St Kilda Hakoah and a repeat of the previous victory, could be just the attraction the club needs.

Seven goals is good entertainment in anybody's language and there is every chance of a repeat performance.

Noel Mitten was the man who carved up St Kilda in the Cup with four goals, so no doubt

Preston are worthy champions and will no doubt be Cup favorites, but Green Gully, have improved more than any other team in the League this season.

Goalkeeper Lou Denys, is at least as good as any in the league this season and with Jimmy Dunne, sweeping up in majestic style, the Gully defence gives little away.

Robert Cullen, Gary Ward, Peter Ollerton and George McMillan, would make any PSL coach's mouth water.

All four are deadly strikers and should be too hot for Gully.

Green Gully will have a better chance of winning their second game against St Kilda, on

to see that one, there is just no pleasing people.

It has just about everything, top class players and plenty of needle.

Essendon, will be out for revenge after losing their title to Preston. Preston will be out to remove any doubts anyone may have about their right to be called champions.

These two have always produced a game full of skill, excitement and rugged individualism, which is what the game is all about. In a word entertainment.

Preston have the edge this season, but you can never count Essendon out, and I for one, wouldn't care to make a prediction about the outcome.

## MONARO SHOULD BE HAPPY

A 2-0 loss against fourth-placed Canterbury was Monaro's final Coca Cola State League Soccer match for the 1980 season.

Monaro finished in fifth position, just one place outside the Top Four. The club has now completed its third season in State League and it can be well satisfied with results. In the 1978 season, its first in State League, it finished fifth, missing the semi finals only on goal difference. The 1979 season saw Monaro finish second behind Croatia in the home-and-away fixtures and then go on to take the Grand Final by defeating Sutherland 2-1. The 1980 season just completed saw Monaro recover magnificently after a disastrous start, to just miss out on the Top Four once again.

In his fourth year as Monaro coach, Frank MacCarone can be well satisfied with his achievements. Strangely enough, he rates the season just completed as one of the most satisfying.

"Although we missed out on the semi-finals this year, I am happy with what we achieved. We lost some very good players, has a lot of injury problems, and were generally written off as relegation candidates by the experts.

"Despite all the problems, the team responded superbly to the challenge and our second round results showed the fruits of our hard work. The boys really deserved to make the semi finals and I am very disappointed for them that we didn't make it", MacCarone said.

Monaro played the 1980 season without six regulars from last year's Grand Final-winning team. Goalkeeper Laurie Palic (first injuries and then retirement), defender Chris O'Neil, midfielders Alan Bourke and Tony Morsello and strikers Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri were all missing from this year's line-up.

Despite the losses, Monaro went into the transfer market for only one player, striker Ally Link. Although he was acquired for "next to nothing" as MacCarone put it,

Link has been an outstanding success, finishing as top scorer for Monaro with 12 goals.

To replace the others, MacCarone promoted youngsters Nick Antonopoulos, Ian Heywood, Peter Pulcini to fill the gaps. In addition a host of other youngsters were given a chance at one time or another to establish themselves in the first team.

"Although it probably disrupted the team a little at the time I had to give the youngsters a chance. It was the only way I could find out how good they were" he said.

In addition to Antonopoulos, Heywood and Pulcini, others who played in the side for the first time this year were Markos Pangalos, Frank Palombi, Craig Leith, Reg Sheridan, Kosta Talevski and Geoff Miles.

Some proved to be up to the task while a few others need more time to develop.

Despite the player losses, Monaro was fortunate in being able to retain a group of experienced men like skipper Bob Noble, John Santolin, Gerald Crawford and Aldo Charles to guide the younger players through the difficult first half of the season.

The biggest loss for the club however could be coach MacCarone himself. He started at the beginning of the season that 1980 would be his last and it looks as if he will stick to that decision. The four years he has been with the club have been amongst its best in its short existence. It will be a big blow indeed if Monaro cannot convince him to stay.

MacCarone took out the ACT Football League Championship, Federation and Ampol Cups in 1977; took Monaro to fifth spot in its first season in State League in 1978; won the 1979 State League Grand final and despite heavy losses in players in the 1980 season, MacCarone steered Monaro to fifth spot again in the NSW State League.



# AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

## BIG CROWD TIPPED FOR COL'S TESTIMONIAL

Newcastle KB United expect a big crowd at the International Sports Centre next Sunday to pay tribute to full-back, Col Curran, in his Testimonial match.

Curran has been a magnificent servant, not just to Newcastle KB United but, also, to Australia's national team.

As such, he deserves the large turn-out of spectators tipped for next Sunday.

The main match will be between KB and the 1974 Australian Socceroos, with old favourites like Manfred Schaefer, Atti Abonyi, Ray Richards, Dave Harding, Peter Wilson and Doug Utjesenovic among the big names invited to represent the 1974 Socceroos.

Rale Rasic will manage the team... as he did six years ago in West Germany in the World Cup finals.

The big question is... will this be Col Curran's last match?

It has been rumoured that Col will retire while still in his prime but it seems this is... just a rumour.

Curran says he has no thoughts about quitting and fully expects to be wearing the Newcastle KB colours in the 1981 Philips Soccer League.

## CANBERRA FLOODED WITH OFFERS

By Steve Burns

Canberra City has been swamped with applications for the 1981 coaching job after advertising the position throughout Australia.

Since the resignation of Vic Fernandez in mid season, the position has been filled on a part-time, caretaker basis by ex-Canberra City player John Brown.

Although Brown did an admirable job he has not applied for the full-time position because of work commitments.

But City's Vice President, Steve Doszpot told Soccer Weekly that the

Board had been swamped with applicants.

"Some of Australia's top coaches have applied," he said.

A short list is now being prepared and the Board intends to appoint the new coach before this year's annual general meeting on November 5.

"I know we will be criticised for committing a new Board to a coach they didn't appoint but we have

to act quickly.

"Too many people have failed to realise that the 1981 season has a very early start — February 1.

"If a new coach isn't appointed before November 5 he would have a short period in which to acquaint himself with his squad and prepare it for that season."

The new coach is expected to be named within the next fortnight.

## WHAT'S YOUR GAME, THEN!



Steve Pollard's "chop", karate style, effectively stopped Walter Valeri's advance at a recent match at The Gabbie. Stewart Selvage watches

## KB TEAM TOPS \$50,000

By Paul Trisley  
(Secretary Newcastle KB United)

The "Newcastle is United" Appeal has now concluded at a total of \$53,771.20 which was raised as follows:

1. Appeals Committee/Supporters' Club Special Activities \$17,261.71
2. Canns Bakery contribution \$10,000.00
3. Corporated Donations: \$7,025.00
4. Cash and in kind \$4,995.79
5. Newcastle International Sports Centre Trust \$4,995.79
6. Newcastle International Sports Centre Club's Entertainment Committee \$1,705.00
7. Public Subscriptions and Members Contributions \$12,783.70

The Club wishes to thank "Newcastle" for its generous support in its time of need.

"NEWCASTLE" is really "UNITED".

Yours faithfully,  
Paul Trisley  
Secretary

## LIGHTS ON FOR WORLD CUP

By Steve Burns

The \$1m floodlighting system at Canberra's Bruce Stadium will be installed in time for the national capital to stage two of the 1981 World Youth Cup games.

This has been confirmed in Canberra by the head of the National Capital Development Commission, Mr Tony Powell.

In recent weeks rumours have persisted that the floodlighting proposal had been shelved because of the mounting costs.

Other Canberra football codes were understandably angry at the amount to be spent on the floodlights at Bruce — used only by athletics and soccer — when so much is needed to be done to upgrade lighting on district training ovals.

On most grounds the training lighting is entirely

inadequate.

Sources say the tragedy was that floodlights, if only to black and white television standard, were scrapped after being included in the original Bruce Stadium NCDC proposal.

Their upgrading would have been a fraction of today's cost to instal lights to colour television standard.

It was the Prime Minister himself who promised the Canberra public that flood lighting would be installed at Bruce Stadium... and to colour television standard.

However, once tenders were called, the cost is said

to have escalated to well over \$1m.

However, Capital Territory Minister, Mr Bob Ellicott, is understood to have made a commitment to have the lights built at a cost of around \$1m.

NCDC engineers are said to be now redesigning specifications for the floodlighting so that new tenders can be called.

It is not expected, however, that actual work will begin until the end of this year, or early in 1981.

Canberra has eagerly awaited the two night games in the World Youth

Cup.

It is also planned that the national — and international — launch for the tournament will be carried out in the national capital.

### "IT'S SUICIDE" SAYS MCKENDRY

Latest Philips Soccer League coach to blast the proposal for summer Soccer is Len McKendry of Heidelberg United.

"Talk of summer Soccer is suicide," said McKendry. He went on: "Soccer is for people who play it. Everybody else is there — because of the people on the pitch. Why didn't anybody come to us before they made the decision?"

"If matches are played in the evenings, it won't help at all. The humidity will do the damage."

And the Heidelberg boss



rounded off his comments with the plea: "Why can't people leave the game alone?"

## READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.  
Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

I read with interest an article in one of yesterday's papers, and hopefully it will eventuate, a youth league of under 19 year old players, playing games as curtain — rises to the PSL games. As a Soccer follower and ex-Rugby League follower, I think it is very important to have two games to go to instead of just one for the \$3 you pay.

At League, there are three games which is too long, especially for children. With the conditions, that must be why fans have to drink so much beer to ease the suffering.

But if you are a Soccer fan, you are not leaving home till about two o'clock or half past for a local game. You have to stand nearly all working around the house or looking busy while your League fans are half a dozen cans up, and two games, by the time you leave home.

When they wonder why more people are not going, it is probably not enough for your money, especially if your team is a less glamorous one and you only go to see them battle for a loss.

With an earlier CLASS fixture, you have two interests for the day which is what they definitely need — a step in the right direction. So I hope your paper supports the idea.

M. Bridge  
Pendle Hill

I would like to make a comment about ASW's "The World Game" page. The reason I stopped buying your rival's Soccer section was so small and erratic. I became interested in Soccer by watching the weekly German soccer matches that used to be televised by Channel 0 in Melbourne (now Channel 10). I was born and raised on Aussie Rules football but not I am a supporter of German Soccer as I like to follow the German results and other small items relating to their Soccer that you publish.

Unfortunately, you don't publish any ladders (possibly because there's not enough space — fair enough), but worse, you only seem to publish the German results every second week or so; so now I cannot follow my team's progress. If I can't do that I may as well stop following Soccer (and buying your paper) altogether. Perhaps there are others who feel as I do.

P.S. I support the PSL proposed changes at least as an attempt to promoted Soccer in this anti-Soccer country, (especially in Victoria).

G. Flynn  
East Preston, 3072.

There seems to be lot of controversy regarding PSL summer games. One argument against is that in Brisbane at that time of year it is too hot, even in the evening, for football.

The following table of mean temperatures is from figures supplied by the Brisbane Weather Bureau and may be of interest to your readers:-

MONTH	TEMPERATURE - CELCIUS	
	8.00 pm	9.00pm
Oct.	20.5	18.4
Nov.	22.2	21.4
Dec.	23.3	23.0
Jan.	24.2	23.0
Feb.	24.3	23.8
Mar.	23.1	22.7
Apr.	21.4	20.9
May	18.5	18.0

D.C. Marshall  
West Chermshire, 4032.

I am moved to write this letter after reading David Jack's article on summer Soccer.

I am sure I am writing on behalf of thousands of disgusted fans who have put up with ridiculous journalism. The writer seems certain that summer Soccer will collapse. I bought this paper to read everything that was said at the Press Conference. Instead of reporting the facts about TV coverage and Indoor Soccer League, he summed up all as being mass suicide. Is this reliable reporting?

Please stick to the facts, and let the public decide. A good journalist always backs his statements with facts. Anybody can mouth off, and I like to know with what authority can Mr Jack knock summer Soccer... None I am sure. Mr Booth, being an expert in this field, has done his home work, and I don't think some so-called experts do theirs.

What's wrong with everybody? Why can't we all work together for the good of the game. Soccer is the only sport in Australia that has many knockers from within.

David Tonna  
Coburg, Vic 3058



